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MARINES TO
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(Special to "China Mail")

The Shanghai "Evening Post and Mercury" reports "from a reliable source," that a decision has been reached to withdraw the Italian Marines from Shanghai. Complying with the Nanking authorities' request for the withdrawal of belligerent troops from Shanghai, the Italian Marines will leave for Tientsin by train, via Nanking, the paper says.

There is no confirmation in official Shanghai quarters of the report that Italian Marines are being withdrawn from Shanghai.—Havas.

RESULT OF TOKYO
PARLEYS HANG IN
THE BALANCE

EXCITEMENT ROUSED by indications of British readiness to compromise on the Burma Road question is expected to diminish in consequence of the fall of the Yonai Cabinet, according to well-informed quarters in Tokyo.

Emergence of a new Government, it is felt, will complicate the Anglo-Japanese negotiations, and the possibility is envisaged of repudiation under Army instigation of any agreement with conditions attached.

Political quarters indicate that the Army withdrawal of support for Admiral Yonai was connected with the revelation that peace negotiations with China formed part of the Arita-Craigie talks.

Reuter says that there is still a prospect of an agreement being initiated, if a decision is

reached before the new Cabinet comes into power. What is feared is that a strongly pro-Fascist Cabinet may emerge and radically change the trend of recent Japanese policy for the worse.

Virtually Complete

Reuter learned from the Japanese Foreign Office spokesman, Mr. Suma, in Tokyo this morning that the negotiations over the Burma road are virtually completed and that the Japanese Government is merely awaiting a reply from London to Sir Robert Craigie in connection with minor details.

The spokesman said he hoped the negotiations would be closed under the present Cabinet which will remain in office until the new Cabinet is installed, probably on Thursday. If the negotiations are not completed by then, the matter will be left in abeyance, the spokesman concluded.—Reuter.

BAGDAD
RAILWAY
COMPLETE

THE LAST SECTION OF THE BAGDAD RAILWAY LINE CONNECTING TURKEY WITH IRAQ WAS COMPLETED YESTERDAY AND THE FIRST PASSENGER TRAIN WILL LEAVE BAGDAD TO-DAY FOR KHAIDAR PASHA, THE TERMINUS ON THE ASIATIC SIDE OF THE BOSPHORUS, OPPOSITE ISTANBUL.

In peacetime, it will now be possible to travel from Bagdad to London in seven days, changing carriages when crossing the Bosphorus and the English Channel. The new track is 200 miles long, cost £3,000,000 and has taken four years to complete.

COLONEL BATISTA
NOW PRESIDENT

Cuba's "strong man," Colonel Batista, won the presidential election held on Sunday, says a Reuter message from Havana this morning. Batista resigned the leadership of the army to become candidate for the presidency.

SITUATION
IN FAR EAST
COMPLICATED

(Special to "China Mail")

It is understood that the resignation of the Yonai Cabinet has complicated the situation in so far as the Anglo-Japanese negotiations are concerned, Lord Caldecote, speaking for the Government, announced in the House of Lords yesterday.

He added that the Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax, hopes to be able to make a statement on the Anglo-Japanese parleys in the near future.—Havas.

PRINCE KONOYE
FAVOURITE

PRINCE KONOYE, FORMER PRIME MINISTER AND SPONSOR OF THE MOVEMENT FOR A NEW SINGLE, POWERFUL NATIONAL PARTY, IS FREELY PREDICTED BY WELL-INFORMED CIRCLES IN TOKYO AS THE MOST LIKELY PERSON TO SUCCEED ADMIRAL YONAI AS PREMIER.

In such an event, Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka, President of the South Manchuria Railway and Cabinet advisory councillor, is expected to be Foreign Minister.

Moot point is whether the Burma road agreement can be consummated before the new Cabinet is installed.—Reuter.

YOUNG ARTILLERY
OFFICER HERO

HOW A YOUNG officer risked his life in rescuing his superior is told in an account of the award of the Military Cross to 2/Lt. Dixon of the Royal Artillery.

During the retreat to Dunkirk, Dixon was seen at a burning car dump 800 yards to the rear of the Pont des Cerps, the only bridge not blown up on the Bergues Canal.

He was seen to be urgently seeking some form of transport remaining undamaged and having found an Austin eight he replied to enquiries that he was going immediately into Hondschoote, about three miles away, to collect his senior officer whom he knew to be wounded.

He was warned this was seemingly impossible as there had been a tank engagement there the previous night and the village was in enemy hands.

He said he was aware of this but he intended to go.

It was obvious the odds were heavily against his returning at all but within forty minutes he came back with a lorry with his senior officer and seven other ranks, all wounded. He then took the lorry onto the field round the burning dump and safely across the canal bridge.—British Wire-

U.S. ANXIOUS
FOR A
SETTLEMENT?

(Special to "China Mail")

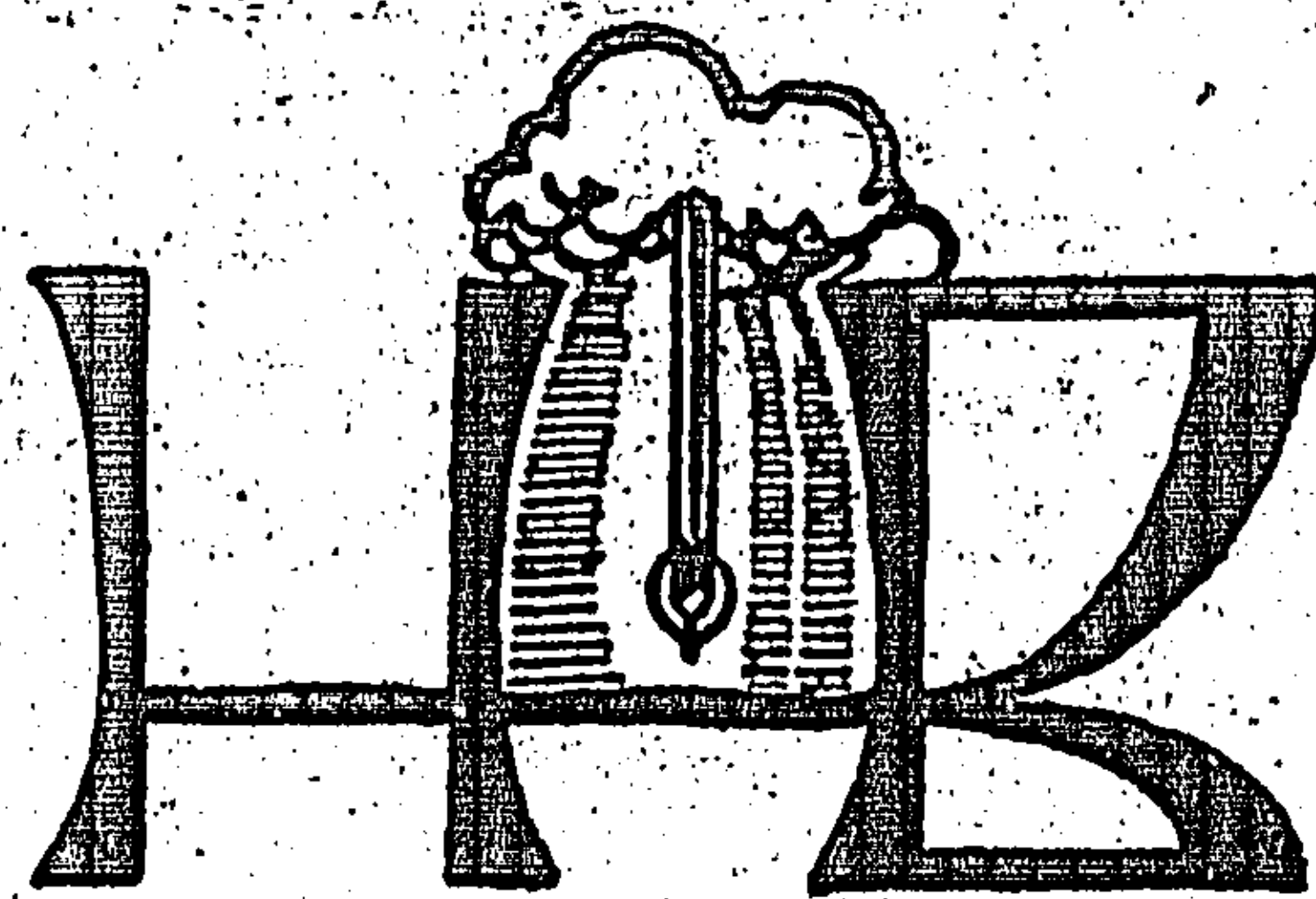
"THERE ARE DEFINITE INDICATIONS THAT STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON ARE EAGER FOR AN EARLY SETTLEMENT OF THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND JAPAN," COUNT AASUKE KABAYAMA, MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF PEERS AND ACTING PRESIDENT OF THE JAPAN-AMERICAN SOCIETY, TOLD THE SOCIETY IN TOKYO IN A SPEECH YESTERDAY.

Describing his recent visit to the United States to inspect the new Japan Institute in New York, Count Kabayama said: "I visited Washington four times and met Mr. Cordell Hull and some leading officials of the State Department.

"I noticed in their mental atti-

tude to Far Eastern questions strong evidence of a desire to see an early settlement of the issues that prevent our coming together."—Havas.

HAVE AN H.B.—



—AND THEN TRY!

BEHIND THE WALL OF SILENCE

The Boston "Post" yesterday said the latest tall tale from Germany is a report from Naziland that straw plant-stems and leaves are being converted into cellulose to make fibre for textiles.

It reveals a lack of raw materials that is actually desperate and may account in part for the confidence of the British leaders who should know what is going on behind the wall of silence which stands between Germany and a desperate world.—Reuter.

DISORDER IN HOLLAND

REPORTS REACHING DUTCH CIRCLES IN LONDON YESTERDAY INDICATE THERE HAVE BEEN SERIOUS DISTURBANCES AT THE HAGUE RECENTLY.

A WARNING HAS BEEN ISSUED BY THE NAZIS THREATENING SEVERE MEASURES IF THE DISTURBANCES DO NOT CEASE FORTHWITH.—REUTER.

FARLEY TO ENTER THE LISTS

Late yesterday, Mr. James Farley, the U.S. Postmaster-General, announced at the Democratic Convention at Chicago that he would have his name placed for nomination along with those of Mr. John Garner, Senator Burton Wheeler and Senator Tydings, thus preventing President Roosevelt's nomination by acclamation.—Reuter.

ROOSEVELT, SET FOR THIRD TERM, STILL PRESERVES SILENCE

MISS FRANCES PERKINS, SECRETARY OF LABOUR, OPENLY FORECAST PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S NOMINATION FOR A THIRD TERM AS PRESIDENT IN A SPEECH AT THE SECOND DAY OF THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION AT CHICAGO YESTERDAY.

President Roosevelt, however, is still maintaining a sphinx-like silence about his plans.

The galleries were only sparsely filled yesterday and there was an atmosphere of lethargy among the delegates, who will take little interest in the proceedings until Thursday's nominations begin.

The session opened with a prayer for "peace for our country and throughout the world."

Miss Perkins said that they, as women, were opposed to war.

"The people of the new world do not need to share in the fatal hatreds between races, classes and creeds which have turned the old-world into a shambles," she declared.

Mr. McAllister declared the United States would never compromise with the Dictators or yield to threats.

This has been one of the themes running through all speeches hitherto, while suggestions that the fullest possible aid should be given to peoples fighting for liberty, have been conspicuous by their absence.

Reason is the Democrats have to contend with an even stronger isolationist minority than had the Republicans, and the interests of party unity require that it should be placated.—Reuter.

Chairman Gives Unmistakeable Lead

In accepting the permanent chairmanship of

the Democratic Party Convention at Chicago yesterday, Senator Barkley called on the Convention to fight on President Roosevelt's record of defence and foreign policy.

Senator Barkley said: "The United States must fight against those who would assault our territory, independence, ideals and vital interests, or anything we are committed to or pledged to defend or preserve, whether the assault is launched from a foreign source or instigated by disloyal and subversive influences within our borders."

Senator Barkley added that it did not mean "we desire war or propose to become involved in or send armed forces to conflicts abroad," but it did mean "we propose to see that at least one continent shall be kept free for the exercise of the individual and collective rights and privileges of free men."—Reuter.

ITALY'S WAR ROLE

SIGNOR GAYDA, MUSSOLINI'S MOUTH-PIECE, HAS REVEALED THE ROLE HITLER WANTS ITALY TO PLAY IN THE MEDITERRANEAN.

Writing in the "Giornale d'Italia," Signor Gayda says that the aim of Italy is to keep powerful British forces in the Mediterranean so that Germany can carry out her invasion of Britain more easily.

Commenting on this, semi-official London circles say that the role of the Italian Navy would appear to be that of avoiding any decisive action with our Fleet.—Reuter.

FIVE MEMBERS OF ASSEMBLY ARRESTED

The Punjab Assembly held its first secret session in the history of Indian legislatures at Lahore yesterday when, by 91 votes to 48, it approved the Government policy of arresting five members of the House under the Defence of India rules.

It is authoritatively stated that the Premier, Sir Sikandar Hyat Khan, referred to "the Communist menace to the internal peace and security of India, particularly in the Punjab."—Reuter.

NAZI DRY WAR IN SOUTH AMERICA U.S. CONCERN

THE NEW YORK "TIMES," in a leader yesterday entitled "Dry War in Latin America," says the Nazi efforts are deliberate and unmistakable.

Spying, terrorism, physical violence; boycott, misuse of schools, radio, newspapers and motion pictures, economic pressure, all are being used.

The tricks are precisely those used by the Nazis in the Balkans, Scandinavia, Holland, Belgium, Spain and France.

If Hitler hasn't laid claim to the million Germans in southern Brazil there is every sign that he will do so whenever he feels strong enough.

The dry war, in short, has been brought to this Hemisphere by the Nazis. The problem at the Havana Conference will be to defeat it so decisively that the most infatuated Nazi will not dare proceed further.

The solution cannot be easy but it will be easier than paying the cost of even a victorious total war on this side of the Atlantic.—Reuter.

Rumours About Nazi Activities In Mexico

ASKED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY IF HE WAS AWARE THAT A HIGH PLACED GERMAN OFFICIAL HAD RECENTLY ARRIVED IN MEXICO AND IF EFFECTIVE STEPS WERE BEING TAKEN TO COUNTERACT HIS ACTIVITIES, MR. R. A. BUTLER, UNDER-SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, IN A WRITTEN REPLY SAID HE HAD NO AUTHORITY TO GIVE INFORMATION OF THE ARRIVAL OF SUCH AN OFFICIAL IN MEXICO.

"In any case British representatives in neutral countries watch closely for any anti-British propaganda put out by enemy agents and can be relied on to take all steps that lie in their power to counteract such activities."

In reply to another question about Mexico, Mr. Butler said the British Government was considering the terms of their reply to the recent indirect approach from the Mexican Government.

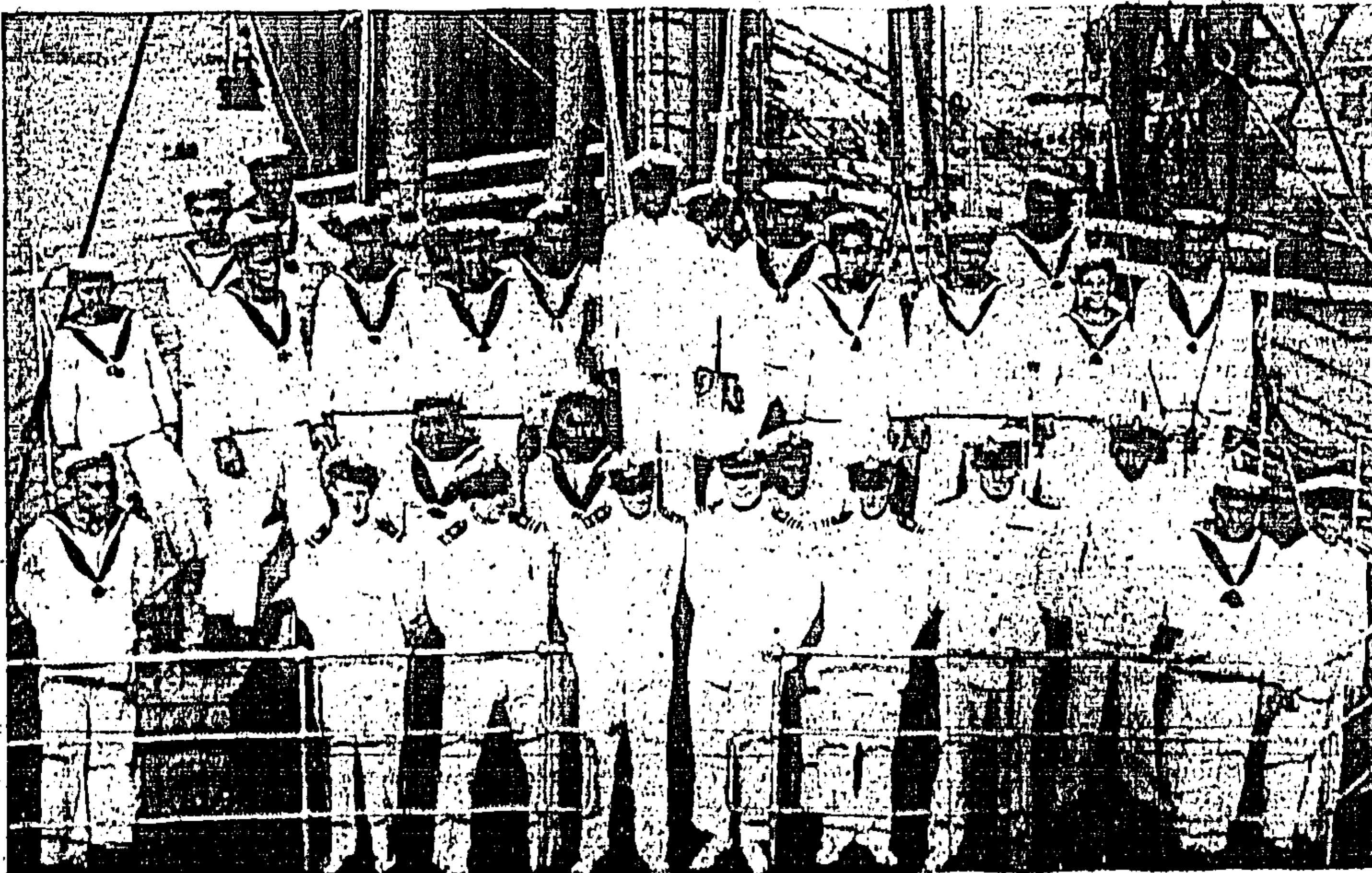
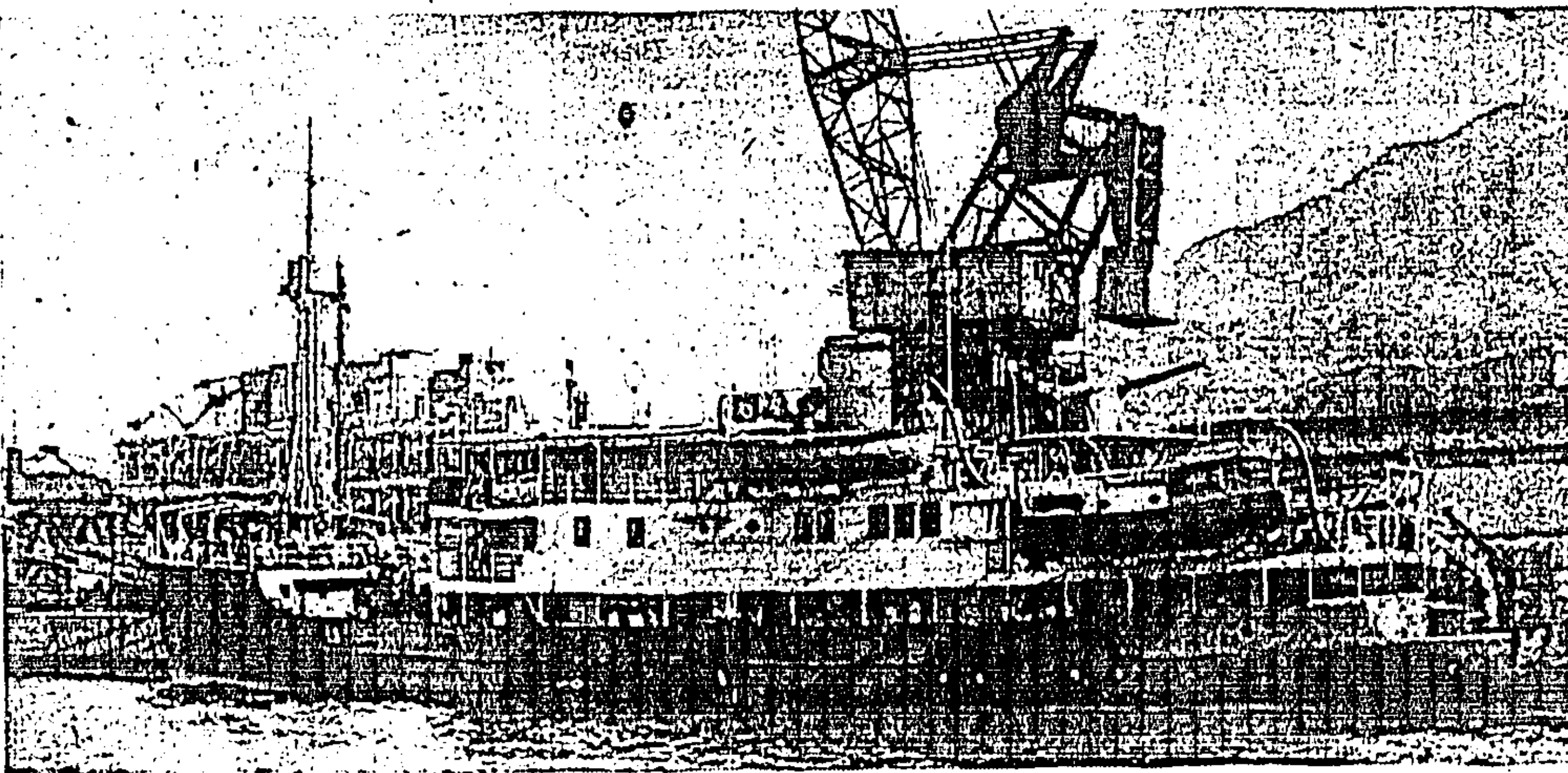
Consideration was also being given to the best means of entering into direct contact with the Mexican Government.—Reuter.

MONROE DOCTRINE

Following reports from Santiago de Chile that the United States had sent the Chilean Foreign Minister a Note regarding the establishment of a protectorate over European possessions in Central and South America, informed circles in Washington stated yesterday the United States was sounding other American countries on their attitude to the proposal.

The plan is said to be receiving favourable attention in Washington.—Reuter.

The Royal Colonial Steamship, Viti, built at Talkoo Dock and launched last week, for service in Fiji. The vessel completed her trials recently very successfully, and she is leaving Hong Kong shortly for Suva in the Fiji Islands. She is a motorship, equipped with powerful Diesel engines. (Photos by D. O. Silver).



Here is a picture of the crew of the Viti, which is composed of 20 native Fijians, and six officers, including Captain Mullins. Specially built for service in the Fiji Islands, she is, in effect, a light cruiser, a governor's yacht, and a mine-sweeper all in one.

(Photos by D. O. Silver).

BURMA RD. RUMPUS

Closure Criticised By American Government

SOVIET KEPT IN TOUCH

Regarding the British offer to Japan in regard to the Burma road question, Reuter's diplomatic correspondent learns in London authoritative quarters that Sir Stafford Cripps, our Ambassador in Moscow, has been kept informed and the British Government is prepared to answer any question the Soviet may put to him or which may be asked in London.

Mr. Quo Tai-chi, Chinese Ambassador in London, has been kept informed of the progress of the negotiations, which are still pending, and when an agreement has been reached it is understood there will be a statement in the House of Commons.—Reuter.

Three Months Might See Us Past The Crisis

"Three month's endurance might well see England past the crisis," says a writer in the "Wall Street Journal" in New York yesterday.

"That is the meaning of Mr. Churchill's summary of her readiness now, as she was not a month ago, to meet whatever is to come, and it is a very imposing aggregate of defensive strength that he listed.

"In weighing England's chances of beating off invasion there is a favourable circumstance not specifically included in Mr. Churchill's summary, though implied.

"Her armies have short inside lines whereas the Nazi war machine is now dispersed over central Europe, Norway, Denmark, the Low Countries and two-thirds of conquered France." — Reuter.

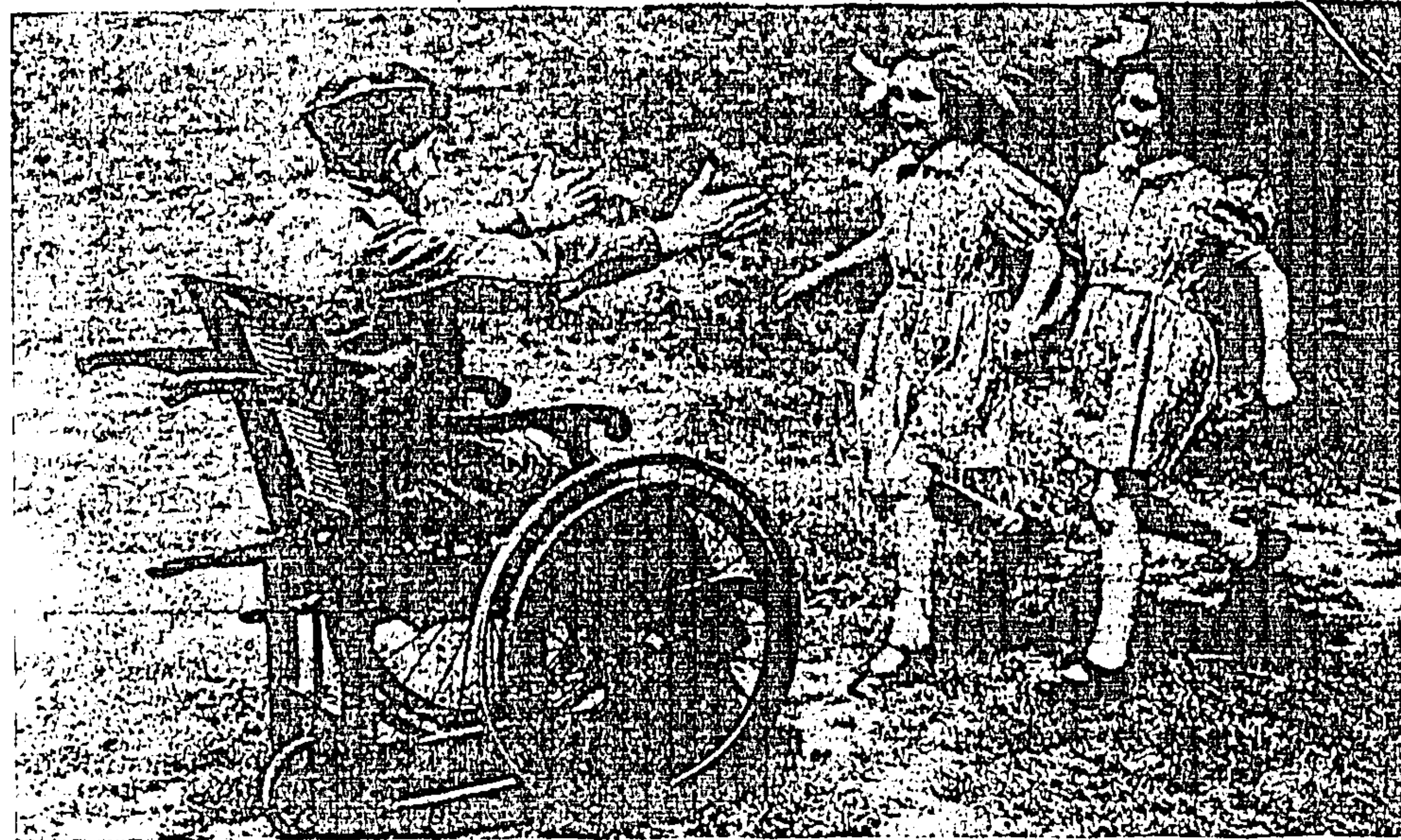
State Department Announcement

The State Department in Washington yesterday announced that the United States is opposed to closing world trade arteries such as the Burma road.

The following statement was issued by Mr. Cordell Hull: "The Secretary of State, in reply to inquiries by press correspondents for comments in regard to reports that at the instance of the Japanese Government, the British Government would prohibit temporarily the movement of certain commodities through Burma into China across what is known as the Burma route, said the United States Government has a legitimate interest in the keeping open of arteries of commerce in every part of the world, and considers that action such as this, if taken, and such as was taken recently in relation to the Indo-China railway, constitutes unwarranted interpositions of obstacles to world trade." — Reuter.

WHY PETAIN WANTS TO GO TO PARIS

The official German News Agency yesterday offered an explanation of why the Petain Government now wants to go to Paris. It quotes the "Petit Gringoire," of Grenoble—generally considered the official Petain Government organ—as stating that this is necessary because there are "certain tendencies towards disloyalty" towards the Vichy Government noticeable in circles in Paris.—Reuter.



Relief and happiness is expressed in this picture, when these two little girls greeted their wounded father, a B.E.F. casualty from France, the first time they had seen him since he went with the B.E.F. It was visitors' day at Hospitals all over the country, and relatives were able to visit the wounded. (Copyright, Fox).

CHINA'S STRONG PROTEST TO BRITAIN

REUTER UNDERSTANDS that the Chinese Government has presented a strong official protest to Britain against the proposed closing of the Burma road, as contrary to international law and to the resolutions adopted at Geneva by Britain and other powers to do nothing to weaken China's powers of resistance to Japan.

Mr. Quo Tai-chi, Chinese Ambassador in London, said to Reuter yesterday all Chinese were convinced that Japan, now inextricably bogged in China, was bluffing.

CONFIDENCE GROWING IN EGYPT

The Cairo correspondent of the New York "Times" cabled yesterday that confidence in Cairo and Alexandria is growing as the significance of the daily R.A.F. raids on important naval and air bases around Tobruk becomes understood.

CONTROL OF ALIENS

Aliens in Canada and New Zealand are to be further controlled.

In Ottawa, the Government has stopped the issue of naturalisation certificates to aliens. In Wellington, a tribunal has been set up to examine aliens and advise the Government as to whether or not they should be interned.—Reuter.

N.Z. FORMING HOME DEFENCE UNITS

The New Zealand Government has approved the formation of nine squadrons of mounted rifles for home defence. Recruiting will begin soon. The squadrons will be used in

He added it was difficult to understand the reported attempts by Britain to mediate peace between China and Japan, which could only have the effect of removing the chief obstacle to Japan's increasing her aggression against British interests in the Far East.

"But in any case China's position is the same as it has always been. She will never make peace until all Japanese troops are withdrawn from Chinese soil." — Reuter.

Test Of Faith

The Chinese Ambassador, Mr. Quo Tai-chi, called at the Foreign Office in London last night to make representations in regard to the temporary restrictions imposed on certain categories of goods over the Burma road, Reuter's diplomatic correspondent learns from authoritative quarters in London.

The Ambassador expressed anxiety on the part of his Government at the possible consequences of the attempt to begin general peace negotiations at the moment, and at the same time made clear that the Chinese Government regarded any restriction on the passage of vital supplies over the road as not being in accordance with Britain's undertakings as a member of the League of Nations.

While fully appreciating the difficulties by which Britain is at the moment faced, the Chinese Government trusted it would be made clear that our decision to impose such restrictions was not intended to prejudice Britain's future policy in regard to China.

It is pointed out in London that any general settlement envisaged by His Majesty's Government would only be in accordance with a just and equitable peace for China.—Reuter.

hilly country where the mechanised units of the Territorial Army cannot operate freely.—Reuter.

REVIVAL OF U-BOAT CAMPAIGN

The naval correspondent of the "News-Chronicle," comments this morning on the implications of the long awaited "second wave" of the submarine and air attack on British, allied and neutral shipping, as revealed in the latest figures of maritime casualties.

He says the total may be impressive, but it is only about one-quarter of the shipping losses we were suffering in the Spring of 1917.

Two facts have been established beyond doubt. In the first place, despite this sudden flare-up in casualties, the total carrying tonnage at our disposal to-day is as large or larger than at the outbreak of the war.

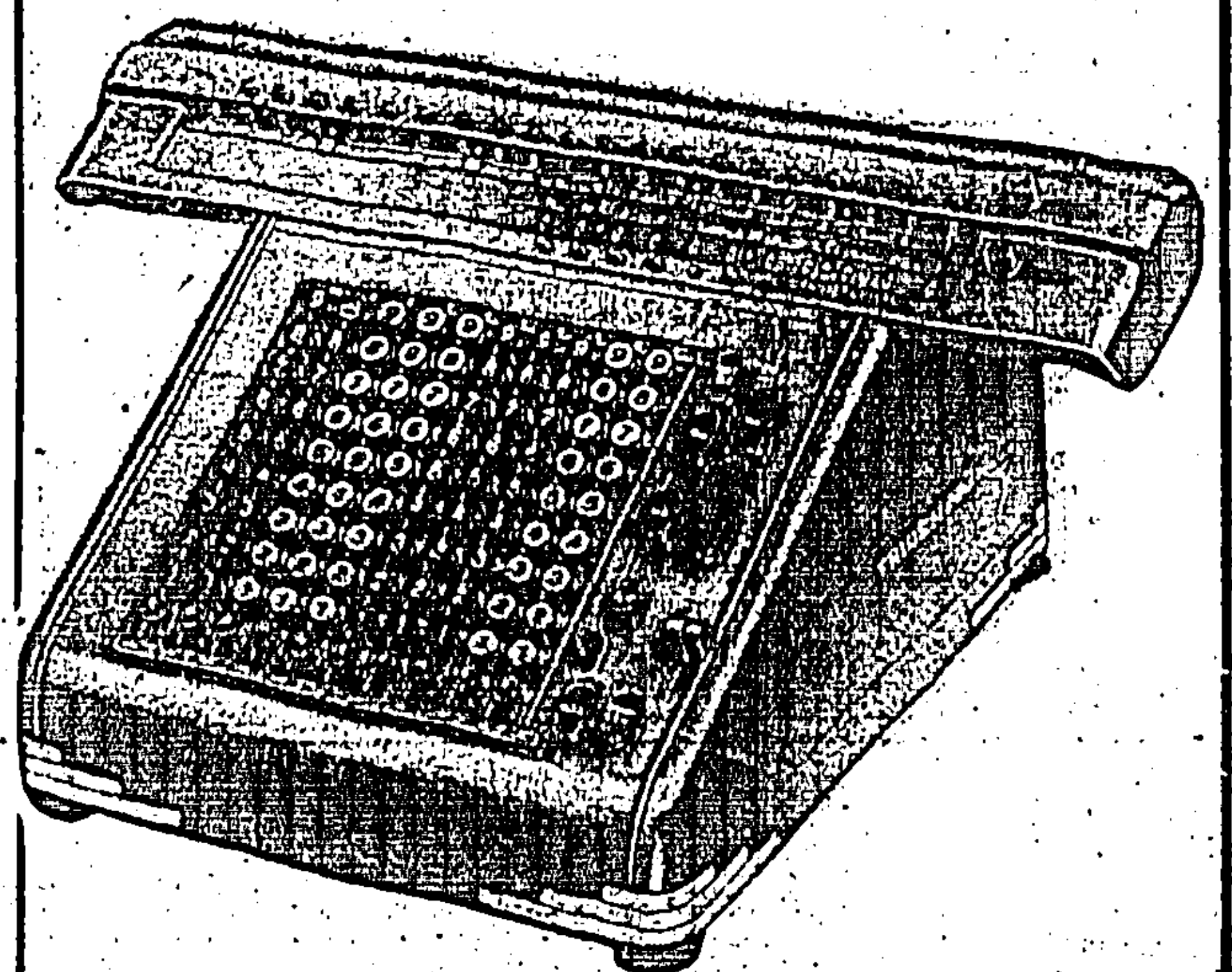
Secondly, raiders under the water or in the air have paid a heavy price for whatever success they have achieved.

It is not official policy to announce U-boat sinkings, but but there is excellent reason to believe that U-boats are being systematically destroyed at a rate with which the utmost efforts of the enemy shipbuilding yards cannot keep pace.

Meanwhile, the Navy's anti-submarine measures, which have already proved singularly effective, are being methodically improved, while thanks to the Air Force, the enemy has scored few successes in persistent air attacks on shipping.—Reuter.

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Differentiation Of Treatment Alleged: Evacuation Debate

A STATEMENT on the Evacuation of Children Scheme was made in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon by Mr. C. Attlee, Lord Privy Seal.

IT WAS ESSENTIAL, he said, to keep our naval forces ready to meet the demands of national security and this forced the Government to postpone the scheme for the evacuation of children.

There were ample ships to take the children, but it was felt that these must have naval protection to ensure security — the fate of the Arandora Star showed that even a fast ship would be no guarantee of safety.

The Government, therefore, felt it must postpone the scheme until naval protection could be given.

A Labour member asked whether children who had already gone through under private arrangements had been given escorts.

Mr. Attlee replied that these children went in unescorted ships. Children from State-assisted schools had not gone because the scheme was abandoned. The Government was not prepared to assume the responsibility of sending the children without proper protection.—Reuter.

Great Disappointment

Mr. Attlee said: "The Government realises that the postponement of their scheme is bound to cause great disappointment among parents here and also among those Dominions who have so wholeheartedly co-operated in making provision for the reception and maintenance of children.

"I desire to assure them we keenly appreciate their generosity and deeply regret the inconvenience the postponement is bound to cause.

"I hope our scheme is only temporarily suspended and that we may yet be able to take advantage of their warm-hearted hospitality."

Several questions were asked about children who had already proceeded overseas. Mr. Attlee said these had gone in unescorted vessels.

An Accusation Refuted

Attention was drawn to the number of children of responsible public men who were being taken away from the danger area, and poor children were being left behind.

Mr. W. Lunn (Lab): Is the Minister aware it is commonly held in the country that now you have got some thousands of rich people's children away overseas there will be no opportunity for the children of elementary schools?

Mr. Attlee: No, the hon. member is mistaken. The whole purpose of the Government's scheme was that we should give proper proportion of children from elementary schools. That was the object of the Government's scheme. There will be a certain number of children going in future in convoyed vessels and some 3,000 or 4,000 of these will be going from grant-in-aid schools under various private schemes put up by the authorities and bodies like the United States and the Dominions.—Reuter.

RAIDER DROPS BOMBS: IS SHOT DOWN

A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY THE AIR MINISTRY AND MINISTRY OF HOME SECURITY IN LONDON YESTERDAY SAID AN ENEMY BOMBER IN THE AFTERNOON DROPPED BOMBS AT SEVERAL PLACES ON THE NORTH-EAST COAST OF SCOTLAND.

Some houses were wrecked but the only casualties were a few persons injured.

The bomber was subsequently shot down into the sea and is one of three which, as already announced, were shot down yesterday afternoon.—Reuter.

COST OF LIVING IN ENGLAND

Official cost of living figure on July 1 in Britain was 87 points above the level of July, 1914, as compared with 81 points on June 1 last. For food alone the index on July 1 was 68 points above the level of July, 1914, compared with 58 on June 1.

—Reuter.

General Takes Over New Duties

General Sir William Bartholomew, from the Northern Command, has been appointed Regional Commissioner for civil defence, taking over the duties hitherto performed by Sir Hugh Elles, who has been released for special civil defence duties.—Reuter.

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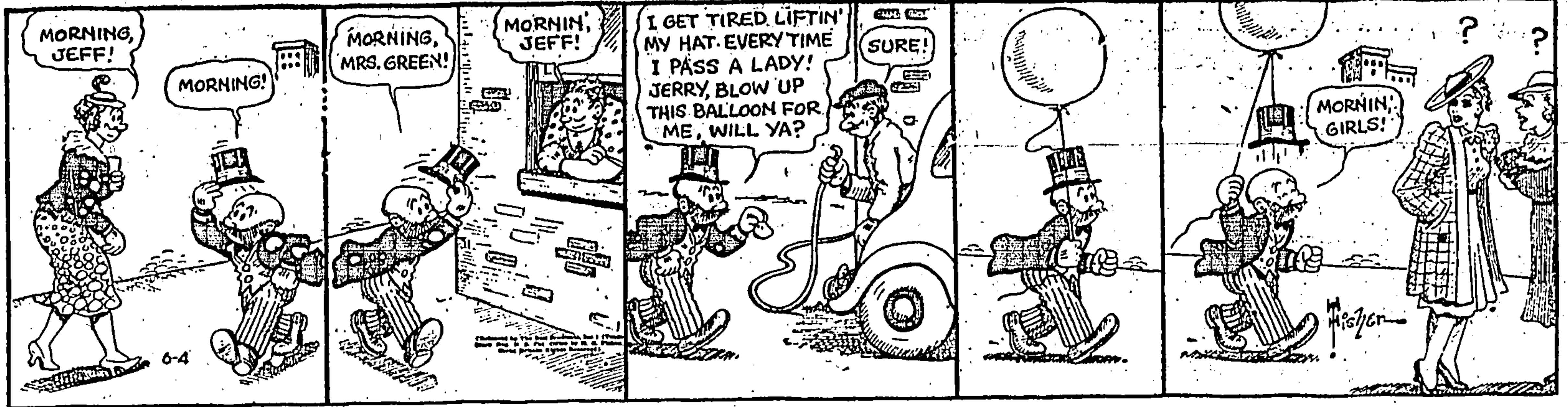
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FEELINGS RISING IN SHANGHAI

It is now stated that 19 were injured in the terrorist bombing of the American-owned newspaper "Shun Pao" in Shanghai yesterday; several suspects have been arrested.

The attack was made barely 12 hours after the Nanking Government had demanded the deportation of the newspaper's American publisher, a well-known lawyer and a member of the S.M.C.

Indignation is rising among the foreign community against the efforts of Wang Ching-wei's Nanking government to intimidate residents of the International Settlement and French Concession who hold views critical of the Nanking regime. A number of prominent Shanghai Chinese residing in the foreign areas have been placed on the black list by Nanking. Four of them have already been kidnapped and attempts have been made against the lives of several others.—Reuter.

PARENTS INTERVENE

"I am the father of accused and his mother is here too," cried a spectator at Kowloon Magistracy this morning in an attempt to save his son from being expelled from the Colony.

Accused, an 18-year-old youth, Tsui Ka-pak, who was convicted for stealing 90 cents from a woman, told Mr. E. Himsworth that he had no relative in Hong Kong.

Det.-Sgt. W. G. Morrison said that accused, accompanied by five others, snatched the money from complainant's hand when she was purchasing vegetables in Canton Road yesterday. He was chased and arrested, but the alleged accomplices escaped.

The youth was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour, and ordered to be expelled from the Colony as a destitute, as he said he had no relatives in Hong Kong.

His father who was present in Court then got up shouting that he was the father of the accused and that the mother was also in Court.

The order for accused's expulsion was withdrawn.

MR. CHURCHILL AT THE PALACE

The Prime Minister was received in audience by the King at Buckingham Palace last evening.—British Wireless.

NORWAY'S PROTEST TO SWEDEN

It is learned in official Norwegian quarters in London that the Norwegian Government has lodged a strong protest in Stockholm against the decision of the Swedish Government to permit the transit of German troops.

Sweden is now permitting not only the passage of armed German soldiers across Swedish territory to and from Norway, enabling them to avoid the hazards of the Skagerrak, but is also allowing the transit of German war materials to the army of occupation.

The statement issued by the Norwegian Government in London states: "The Swedish Prime Minister has stated as the reason for the latest decision that hostilities have ceased between Norway and Germany, but it is a matter of fact that the struggle for Norway has by no means come to an end and, in any case, the transit of war materials to Norway will strengthen the German occupation of the country."—Reuter.

Britain Takes Grave View Of Situation

In a written reply in the House of Commons yesterday, Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said the British Government had informed the Swedish Government that they took a grave view of the decision to allow German troops to cross Swedish territory and "cannot but regard the Swedish Government's action as a serious breach of neutrality."—Reuter.

MR. MATSUDAIRA RESIGNS

(Special to "China Mail") Mr. Tsunco Matsudaira, Minister of the Imperial Japanese Household, has decided to resign following the recent resignation of the Lord Privy Seal, says the Tokyo "Miyako Shimbun."

Reasons are not only personal but also arise from the need to "ventilate the Imperial Household Department."

Probable successor is Viscount Kintomo Mushakoji, former Ambassador to Berlin.—Havas.

SOVIET PROTEST TO RUMANIA

The Soviet Government has lodged a strong protest with the Rumanian Ambassador in Moscow and with the Rumanian Government against the alleged maltreatment of persons travelling from Rumania to Bessarabia, according to an official announcement in Bucharest.—Reuter.

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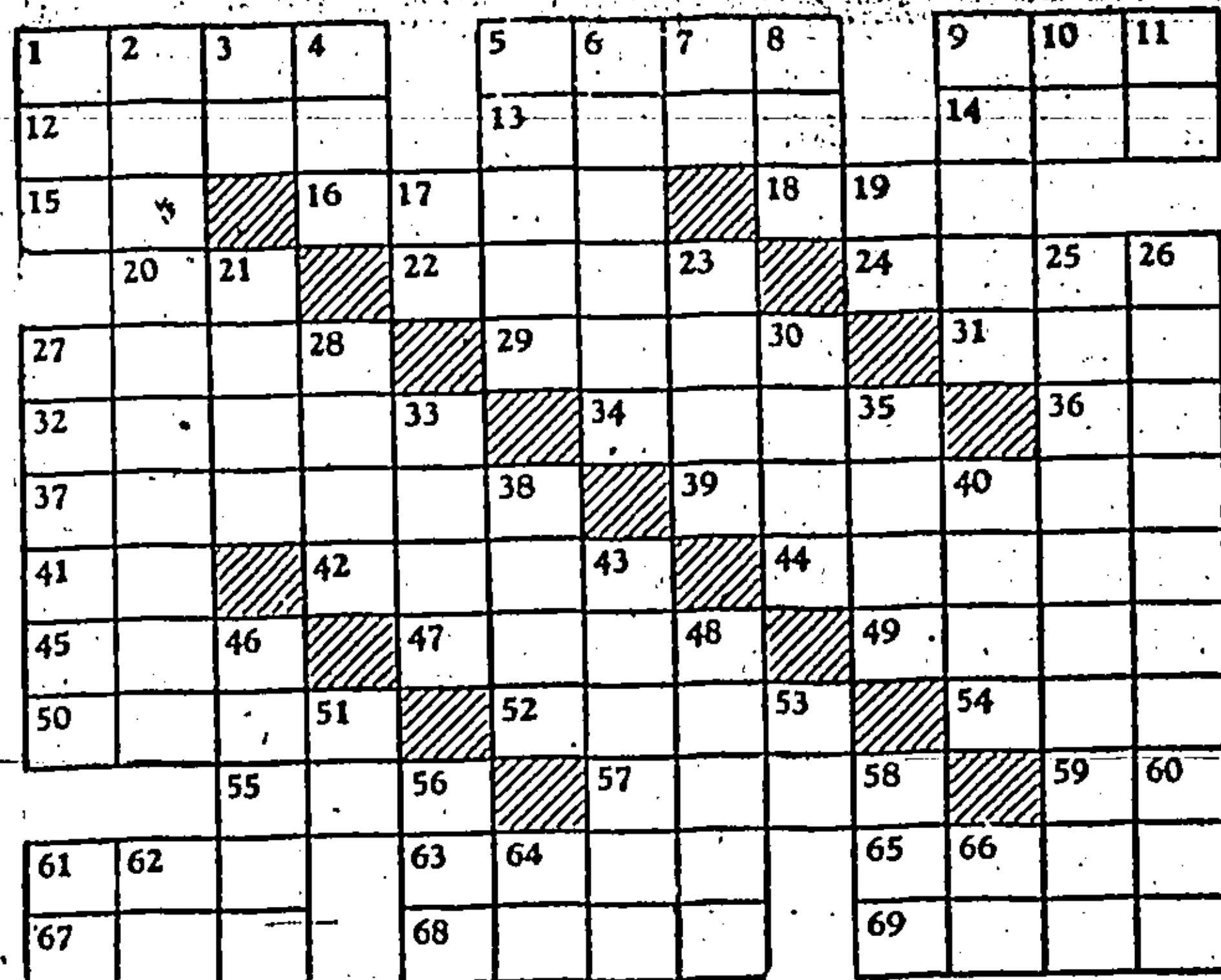
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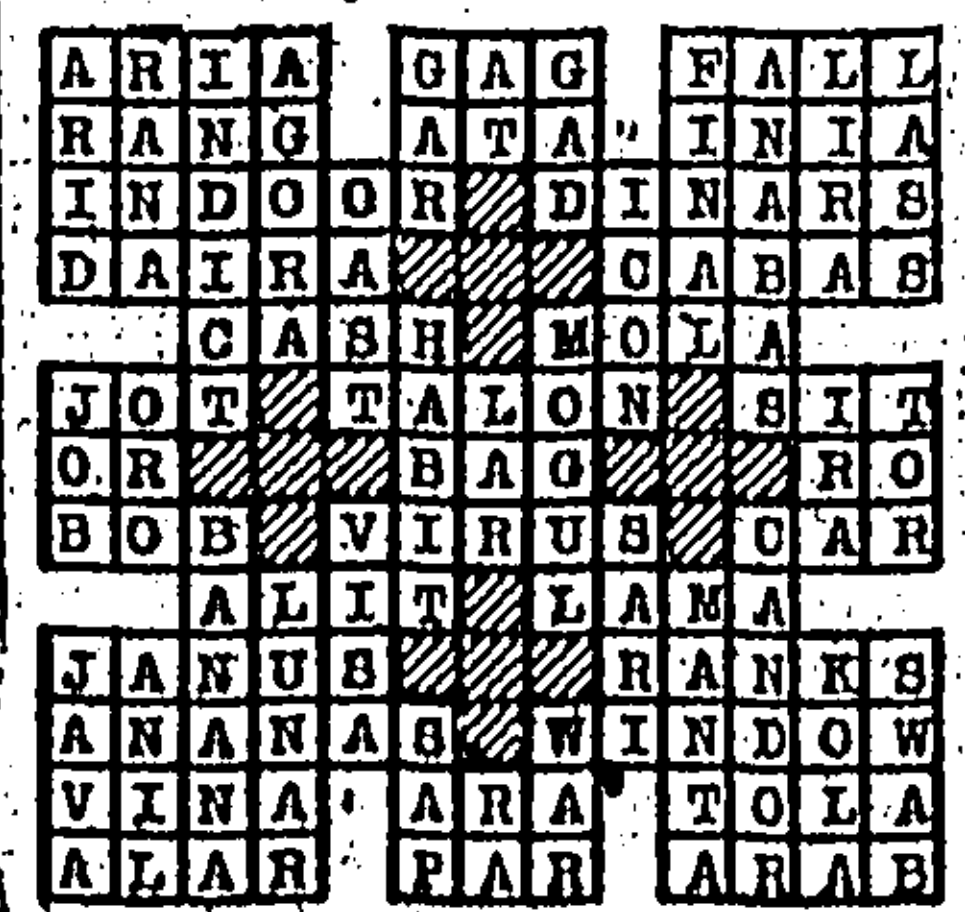
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- 5 Grief
- 9 To peer curiously
- 12 Web-like membrane
- 13 Ox of Celebes
- 14 To observe
- 15 Comparative ending
- 16 Ancient Irish capital
- 18 Cheer
- 20 Note of scale
- 22 Ruin
- 24 Knocks
- 27 Mature
- 29 Bugle call
- 31 Interrogative pronoun
- 32 To idolize
- 34 Storehouse for fodder
- 36 Italian article
- 37 Intermediate
- 39 System of theology
- 41 Hawaiian bird
- 42 Officer's assistant
- 44 Feeble-minded person
- 45 To dino
- 47 Ventilate

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NO INDICATION OF U.S. WILLINGNESS TO MOVE

IT IS CLEAR FROM Secretary of State Cordell Hull's statement in Washington yesterday that the U.S. Government is much concerned over the possible closure of the Burma road, which is the only remaining route by which American goods can enter Free China.

But there is little indication that the United States is willing to do much, if anything, to restrain Japanese ambitions which are now attempting to force Britain to participate in a blockade of China.

CHIANG KAI-SHEK'S COMMENT

REFERRING TO THE REPORTS THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WILL ACCEDE TO JAPANESE DEMANDS TO CLOSE TRAFFIC ON THE BURMA ROAD TO CHINA FOR THREE MONTHS ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE PERIOD WILL BE USED FOR PEACE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN CHINA AND JAPAN, GENERALISSIMO CHIANG KAI-SHEK SAID IN AN INTERVIEW YESTERDAY THAT HE DID NOT BELIEVE THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WOULD TAKE SUCH A STEP.

Any attempt on Britain's part to link the Burma Road issue with Sino-Japanese peace talks would be tantamount to giving aid to Japan and the result would inevitably be sacrifice of China's long-standing friendship as well as Britain's position in the Far East.

Emphasizing that no coercion of any third Power could shake China's firm position after three years' gallant resistance, Generalissimo Chiang stated that he was sure that any action along this line on Britain's part would produce results entirely contrary to her expectation and would bring about endless calamities to herself.

Grossly Mistaken

Generalissimo Chiang added that Britain would be grossly mistaken if she thought that closing of traffic on the Burma Road would shorten the war in the Far East, for this would only prolong it and widen its scope.

Reiterating that China would not terminate her resistance until she had attained the goal of territorial and sovereign integrity, the Generalissimo emphasised that no outside pressure could stop China's resistance, the tenacity of the Chinese national spirit and revolutionary strength being well known not only to the governments of Britain and other friendly Powers but also to the entire world.—Central News.

Britain Warned

General Chiang Kai-shek has warned Britain that she will not only forfeit China's friendship but also sacrifice her own position in the Far East should she try to link the question of the Burma route with the Sino-Japanese peace, says a Chungking message. This would practically amount to assisting Japan to bring China to submission, he warns.

So long as China has not attained the object for which she is fighting and suffering—the preservation of China's sovereignty and territorial and administrative integrity—she will not lay down her arms, he concludes.—Reuter.

STUDENT CONFERENCE IN MANILA

Thirty Japanese college students and university undergraduates passed through Hong Kong today on their way to attend the annual Japan-Philippine Students Conference to be held in Manila for eight days commencing on July 22.

The delegation comprises nine girl students and 21 youths.

It is true the U.S. fleet remains at Hawaii but political observers in Washington believe the possibility of any action such as an embargo on scrap metal and gasoline, even in the name of American defence measures, is now rather remote.

The situation is being watched with both interest and anxiety in some Washington quarters hoping the Tokyo Cabinet difficulties may force the militarists to form their own Cabinet so that they will face international problems directly instead of putting up another puppet civilian regime to be prodded into action by the militarists in the background.

Capitulation

Washington opinion on the Burma road problem is expressed by the "Post" which says that whatever the extenuating circumstances, Britain's announced readiness to close the Burma road constitutes an undisguised capitulation to Japan.

It adds now that Britain has exposed her weakness. It is doubtful if Japan will long be content with piecemeal gains and minor concessions.

The newspaper says that Britain, in trying to save something from the wreckage of her Far East interests, may be opening the door to their total destruction.

Japan's verbal promise to try and effect a settlement of the war during the next three months rouses no optimism in Washington because it is felt that with Britain in retreat and America clearly not anxious to do anything, the Japanese terms are likely to be even more severe than hinted at previously.—Reuter.

CHINGHAI HEAVILY SHELLED

Chinghai, 15 miles north-east of Ningpo, was heavily shelled throughout yesterday, according to reliable reports received in Shanghai last night.

Several Japanese warships steamed into Chinghai Bay at 6 a.m. yesterday morning and after manoeuvring for two hours commenced shelling the Chinese coastal defences.

Chinese batteries replied and it is claimed that some of the Japanese warships were hit.

Japanese planes flew overhead and occasionally bombed. The firing continued all day, the Japanese making no attempt to send a force ashore.—Our Own Correspondent.

Several Islands Occupied

Several islands in the Hangchow Bay region have been occupied by the Japanese naval forces in the operations which started at dawn yesterday, according to a field despatch received in Tokyo.

A telegram from a Japanese source in Shanghai states that following the Japanese closure of ports in Chekiang and Fukien provinces, all foreign vessels scheduled to sail from Shanghai to Ningpo have cancelled their departure.—Reuter.

INTERMENTS IN ENGLAND

The Under-Secretary to the Home Office, in a written reply in the Commons yesterday, stated that according to the latest available information, there were some 12,500 men and 3,800 women now interned in the British Isles and some 7,500 male internees have been sent overseas.—Reuter.

WHEN THEY CRASH THEY STAY CRASHED

Nearly all enemy aircraft brought down in raids on the British Isles have been so extensively damaged as to be useless for exhibition, declared Captain S. F. Balfour, Under-Secretary for Air, in reply to a Commons question yesterday.

Those which crash more or less intact, he went on, are required for examination and experimental purposes and therefore it was not possible to adopt the suggestion that these planes be exhibited in various parts of the country.—Reuter.

FIGHTING IN WESTERN DESERT

Last night's war communique in Cairo stated that in the Western Desert artillery fire again forced enemy motorised transport columns attempting to enter Capuzzo to withdraw with the loss of one vehicle.

A petrol and ammunition dump at Capuzzo was set on fire.

During the first air raid on Palestine, enemy planes dropped 50 bombs on Haifa without obtaining direct hits and there were two casualties.

During the night of Sunday and Monday, the garrison at Moyale was successfully withdrawn.

In Somaliland a night raid on an Italian post at Gamuk drew enemy reinforcements for a counter-attack which suffered casualties before the petrol of the Camel Corps withdrew.—Reuter.

INDIGNATION IN CHUNGKING

Indignation at the alleged British concession to Japan over the Burma road issue continues to rise, it was stated in Chinese circles in Chungking yesterday.

All Chinese newspapers in Chungking unanimously criticise Britain's "appeasement policy."

It is too early to obtain Chinese comment on reports of alleged British efforts for a peaceful settlement of the Sino-Japanese war.

There is reason to believe the reports will not be published in the Chinese newspapers which did not print the broadcast by the Acting Governor of the Straits Settlements on Sunday.

There is also reason to believe the Japanese forces will immediately intensify military operations in an effort to force a quick decision in China.

The following three months, according to Chinese quarters, will be a critical period for the British Empire but may also prove critical for China.—Reuter.

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GREATER THAN GUNS

"The British spirit speaks," wrote the "New York Times" dealing with Mr. Churchill's recent broadcast to the British nation. The "Herald Tribune" comments "There was never a sign of weakening or of possible defeat—men of lesser faith cannot but take strength from his (Churchill's) strength."

Mr. W. Lawther, President of the Mineworkers' Federation of Britain urged that the word "defeat" be expunged from our language. "We must either conquer the force of Fascism or go down to the level of abject slavery," he declared.

Mr. Churchill's speech was indeed a clarion call to the nation and a further blow to any expectation the German people might still entertain that Britain must succumb and that soon. It is on that one word "soon" that the German people are relying. The long years of preparation for and the long months of a ruthless war, seem to have brought them to a state of mind which, in the midst of its turmoil, clings desperately to one word of hope—the word "soon."

No matter how the war ends, they can pray for one thing only—that it be over soon. But then what? So far as this they dare not go. Their Fuehrer has dragged them to this pass, they look to him to take them out. In the meantime British planes are pouring devastation on their preparations for the great Day. British ships are keeping watch and in Britain itself, which German propaganda feebly describes as "a veritable military camp" the people are awaiting "undismayed the impending assault."

Mr. Churchill's speech was a welcome challenge to any uneasiness that, in face of German propaganda, may have been felt abroad. He did not try to convince the people that all was well. He warned them that "all goes to show that the war will be long and hard," but he assured the world and those nations now writhing under German rule, that never would Britain surrender. "Should the invader come to Britain," he said, "there will be no passive lying down of the people, no submission before him as we have seen, alas, in other countries. We shall defend every village, every town and every city. The vast mass of London itself, fought for street by street, could



ALL BEHIND YOU, WINSTON

Do You Believe In Curses?

Belief in curses is apparently associated with the aristocracy and royalty of all nations. People who have no family history appear to be ignorant of any maledictions that bring them bad luck; but all sorts and conditions of men and women believe in omens.

Is there a bride of the present day who, on seeing a crow or a raven fly into the church while she stands at the altar with her lover, would not receive a shock? Will there be one of to-morrow who, on seeing white doves at her window, will not be pleased?

If we could answer "Yes" to those questions, we might dismiss omens as things that do not interest us; but, as the answer in each case is "No," it means that those strange happenings are not without effect upon our daily lives.

Are there not some among us who are careful to get out of bed on the right side; and even more careful to set the right foot down first upon the floor?

We are not superstitious any longer; but when we see a ladder against the wall, we go round it. "Not because we are afraid, but simply because we want to!"

Any practical people will sit down thirteen to a table, and glory in it; but, when they hear that the members of the Thirteen Club die one a year mysteriously, they still feel a creepy feeling in their back hair.

In one way nobody believes in omens; but at the same time we accept them with a smile when they are pleasing, and feel some slight sinking at the heart when they are not!

For instance: a manager puts on a play. On the first night some youth is heard whistling in the auditorium. The manager begins to feel that the play is doomed; consequently he does not push it as he otherwise would. On the other hand if a black cat walks majestically across the boards, he knows for a certainty that the piece will be a great success, so he pushes and advertises it with all his might. The omen is justified in each case.

Quaint and picturesque omens come from all parts of the world; but perhaps the most interesting are those which are found among the Maoris of New Zealand. This easily devour an entire hostile army, and we should rather see London laid in ashes and ruins than that it should be tamely and abjectly enslaved."

Further answer to Hitler's boast that July 27 will see the triumphal entry into Berlin after the occupation of London, is not needed.

lies in the fact that these are accepted, not in a half-hearted way, but as dead certainties.

If two tribes go to war, the priest begins to forecast the issue by invocation of Tu, the God of Battle who ate his brothers. If, in this invocation, his memory fails or his tongue trips, it is all up with the tribe. He advises them to put away their weapons and hand over the cabbage-patch for which they were about to fight.

If, however, he gets through the invocation safely, he tries a more elaborate process. He works himself up to a frenzy in which he sees the battle-field and all the spirits of the slain hovering above. If he counts more friends than enemies, he does his best to postpone the fight; if, on the other hand, the spirits of the enemy outnumber those of his friends he urges them on to battle with fury.

Should it be too late to draw back, and the forecast is unfavourable, he weeds out the spirits of his tribe seen over the battle-ground and advises them to remain at home with him. Needless to state, his own disembodied spirit is always the first that he sees!

Again; if up to the moment of battle the portents are even, the war-dance decides it. Victory is certain when all the warriors leap from their sitting-position in perfect time and with one movement; but should this first movement show any irregularity, it is an omen of defeat.

It may be said that such an omen would be true on any battle-field; for if the preliminaries are wanting in concerted action, it is fairly certain the battle will be, also.

Among the natives of Rarotonga the divination of the issue of battle is decided by means of two sets of sticks. These are stuck up in the ground; and the priest throws a stone at such in turn; and if the number of sticks knocked down in the enemy's camp is larger than in that of his own tribe victory is undoubted.

In Hawaii a very strange omen of war exists. In the dead of night a large ghostly bird is believed to come down from the heavens and fly shrieking over the forest. If its shriek is harsh, it is because its voice is choked by a throat full of hairs plucked from the Heads of many slain. It is a terrible omen to the tribe that hears it.

If one were to write a full history of the omens of dreams alone, especially as they obtain among savage races, a considerable library would not contain it. Even our own civilisation has thousands of people who take dreams into account. Everybody knows that if

you dream of a Jew it signifies losses and bad luck; or if of a Jewess it is a sign of anger and vexation. But it is good luck to dream of a dog; and loss of friends to dream of a cat!

Then, again, certain people pride themselves that particular dreams have peculiar interpretations for themselves. If they dream of a horseshoe they know they will meet a new lover; whereas, if I dream of one, I know I shall fall off a bus.

The Black Raven of the House of Hapsburg appears before any tragic event in the history of that unfortunate family. It appeared to the Archduke Maximilian the night before he left Vienna for death at the hands of the Mexican revolutionaries. It was seen at

Meyerling when the Crown Prince Rudolph committed suicide. Before the assassination of the Archduke Franz Ferdinand at Sarajevo in 1914, and at the death of the ex-Emperor Karl, the dread Herald of tragedy appeared on the scene.

In 1808, an hour before she was murdered by a demented assassin, the Empress Elizabeth sat eating a peach in the garden of her hotel. A Black Raven swooped down and hovered over her hand! Everyone has heard of Napoleon's pet superstition, "The Sun of Austerlitz," his omen of victory. All his great battles were won on sunny days. Leipzig and Waterloo were lost in drizzles. His harbinger of disaster was "A Little Red Man" whom he saw gazing contemptuously at him before he mysteriously disappeared as the Emperor crossed the Nieman at the head of his troops when he invaded Russia. The same phantom appeared to him on the eve of Waterloo.

Barang Man

He finds his way all over Malaya, this ubiquitous Chinese peddler. And of all the visitations one is likely to receive there, his is surely one of the most welcome.

Invariably up-to-date, he rides along the dusty rubber-fringed roads on an old motor bicycle with a faded homburg clapped to his head. But, when these have been left outside and on noiseless feet he comes up onto the veranda, he is once again the true descendant of all those itinerant vendors who, from time immemorial, have journeyed up and down the roads of Asia.

One pictures him in his most familiar attitude, squatting amid the outspread merchandise, a little man in a limp white suit, with a merry smile, a husky voice and shallow, angular hands that smooth and spread and fold with a gentleness of movement that is more than feminine.

Only in the East, perhaps, can one really enjoy shopping; for only there is it possible to linger over it, to sift and turn, examine and admire, undeterred by any need for haste. There is time and to spare; and particularly is this so when, in the peacefulness of one's own home, the Barang man unpacks his heavily-laden baskets.

He produces a fascinating collection, full of that fine, delicately imaginative work so typical of the Chinese. There are cases of jade rings, clips and brooches not particularly valuable but charmingly decorated with small symbolic designs. Then comes a miscellaneous collection of ivory ornaments; and, selecting a pair of diminutive carved figures, he holds them out, one in each nar-

row palm. There are also bags, gay silken affairs embroidered with trailing sprays of blossom, and lacquered buttons and slippers—whose makers, however, would appear to have had a Chinese foot in mind—and a great pile of tea-cloths indulging in a perfect fantasy of decoration: lanterns, pagodas, dragons, bridges, and a variety of quaint little figures.

The Barang man, still crouching patiently on the floor, smiles even more brilliantly. "Fifteen dollar velly cheap," he observes.

But one shakes one's head and at this he retrieves the coats and spreads them out carefully, hoping no doubt that their continued proximity will prove in the end to be too much of a temptation. Then, with perfect good humour, he settles down to await one's final choice; and when this—usually after considerable indecision—is made, one gets down to business. Nothing will exchange hands without a certain amount of bargaining, but the procedure is a familiar one and invariably arrives at the same satisfactory conclusion.

However much—or little—has been bought, the Barang man still continues smiling; but, if it has been a particularly good day, the measure of his approval does not go unmarked. When he has repacked his baskets, which he does with quiet, unhurried precision, he gets up and treads softly toward one. "I give you these," he remarks and lays on the table six carved ivory buttons.

It is a polite gesture, no doubt, but it gives immense satisfaction all round.—B. B. in the "Christian Science Monitor."

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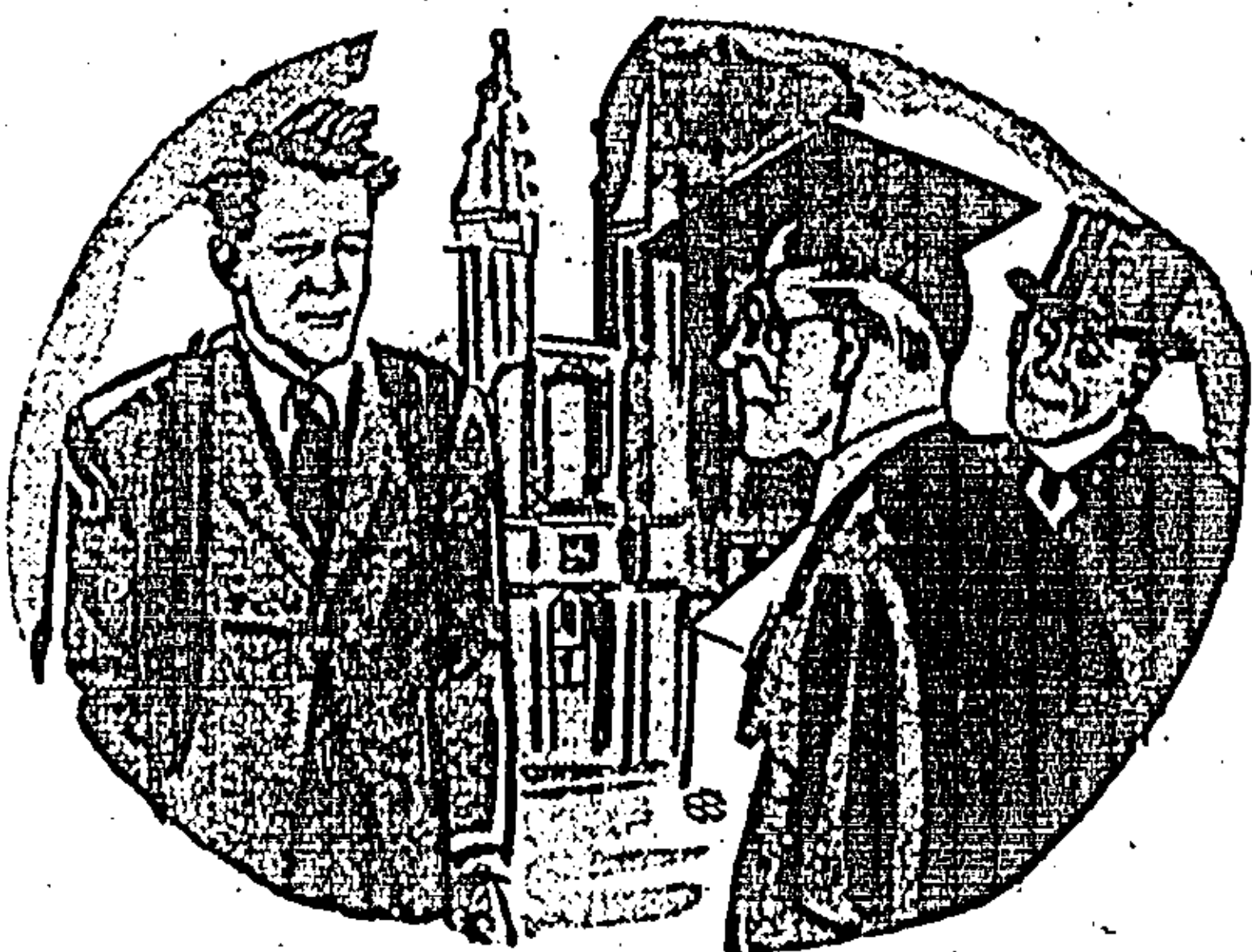
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"No, Sir."
"It will be necessary to send workmen up in the morning to remove the object—not without some danger to life and limb."
"Yes, Sir."
"From your appearance and your manner Mr. Digby, I assume that you are celebrating some event of great

importance—some outstanding academic achievement no doubt."
"Yes, Sir."
"H'm—my advice, Sir, is that you retire to bed immediately, having first taken a long draught of Rose's Lime Juice. Its therapeutic effects may help you to face the wrath to come in the morning."
"Thank you, Sir."
"And by the way—I notice you chose the long way up. Actually there is a shorter way. I remember in '08 or was it '09—H'm, H'm, Good night."
"Good night, Sir."

DUBLIN JITTERY OVER
DANGER OF INVASION

MORE TALK IS HEARD about the war in one day in Dublin than in a week in London, telegraphs Reuter's special correspondent in Ireland.

Every phase and every possibility is debated, and the absence of that calm assurance which is to be found in Britain is striking.

The great majority of the people of Ireland are hoping and praying for a British victory.

Eire is determined to resist any invader, and Germany is uppermost in the mind when invasion is spoken of.

There has been a spontaneous movement throughout the country to join the local defence forces which watch the coasts and patrol roads for parachutists.

In one little village near Limerick, on hearing a rumour that the Germans had landed in the north, the villagers cut down trees and erected formidable barricades across the road. They were only just stopped from blowing up a bridge on the main road.

Little is heard nowadays of the I.R.A. Most of their leaders are interned, and military circles, while admitting they may have considerable nuisance value, believe their numbers are small.

No Co-operation

Preparations for the country's defence are being pushed on as rapidly as possible but there is no sign of any co-operation with the North or with Britain.

The view held in Eire is that she will not enter the war as the price to be paid for unity. Unity is regarded as a matter of justice which will in any case come eventually.

Overtures hitherto made from the North are not taken seriously since they propose that all constitutional questions, which include unity of the country, should be shelved until the end of the war.

If Eire is reluctant to enter the war at the present stage, it is generally emphasised that Eire's fate is bound up with that of Britain, but the Irish view is that a neutral Ireland, united and enthusiastic in defence of its neutrality, is more to the advantage of Britain than a belligerent Ireland weakened by internal divisions which might be easier prey to invasion.—Reuter.

CONSISTENCY
NOT A NAZI
STRONG POINT

During the past day or so, the German radio has been spending a lot of time trying to minimise the effects of the recent R.A.F. raids on Germany and praising the work of the German defences.

One broadcast took great pains to assure the German people that the damage on industrial plants, railway junctions and other objectives in no case brought about serious disturbance.

On the other hand, a later broadcast dealt with the loss of wages suffered by workers due to damage to their plants.

So far, it said, 90 per cent. has been refunded, but the new regulations provide that 75 per cent. will be refunded. This is because refunds so far have only covered disturbances and interruptions caused while workers were on duty.

The new regulations will cover interruptions caused by damage so serious that the workers cannot be employed in repairing their plants. Workers need not only take on no other work, but can stay at home for two weeks. After that period, they will get no compensation.—Reuter.

BRITISH
MONEY
IN FRANCE

The House of Lords yesterday debate at length the position of British subjects with accounts in branches of British banks in France.

These subjects had to leave France in a hurry and were not in a position to draw out any of their money.

The Chancellor said he realised these were very hard cases and very difficult to handle. Their hard position was really an illustration of the fearful hardship inflicted upon perfectly innocent people when a country like France was overrun by the enemy. He did not think it would be possible to solve the problem unless it was decided to take some appropriate legal action for the purpose of testing how the matter stood.

"I could not accept that this is the responsibility of His Majesty's Government. It cannot be said that the British taxpayer ought to be responsible for the most unhappy results due to the onrush of the invasion of Germany over the continent of Europe."

The Only Remedy

Government control over banks did not mean that Government undertook all detailed banking business of the companies. It meant merely that there were regulations to secure that there should be no transactions which might assist the enemy. Only effectual remedy was surely the remedy of defeating the Germans and thus securing the fruits of victory.—Reuter.

SOUTH COAST
BARRIER TO
TRIPPERS

IT WAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED IN LONDON YESTERDAY THAT A FURTHER PORTION OF THE RECENTLY ESTABLISHED DEFENCE AREA WHICH STRETCHES FROM RYE, IN SUSSEX, TO PORTLAND AND 20 MILES INLAND, WILL BE BARRED TO HOLIDAYMAKERS AND PERSONS ENGAGED ON ANY KIND OF PLEASURE TRIP, ON AND AFTER JULY 10.

The area includes, in addition, the borough of Dorchester, the boroughs of Wareham, Weymouth and Melcombe, the urban districts of Swanage and Portland and the rural districts of Blandford, Dorchester, Wareham and Purbeck.—Reuter.

CALL TO AID ALLIES

A resolution denouncing the brutality of Germany and calling on all Americans to support the Allies, was adopted unanimously in New York at a meeting of the General Society of Colonial Wars, whose members include descendants of many of the most famous families in the United States.

OLD
ENGLAND
SPEAKS

The Gothenburg (Sweden) Bothandel says broadcasting offices are often used in the devil's name but there are exceptions.

"My God, how refreshing to listen to Mr. Churchill's cultivated English voice. Nothing strained or stilted here. Old England herself speaks, the mistress of the seas."

"One hears and sees the Atlantic surf, Kent gardens, Oxford and Cambridge colleges, London's immensity."

"No hysterics, only the fact that the war continues and will do so next year and the following."

"No use producing peace rumours for this man. Mr. Churchill is not only learned but an educated man of world knowledge."

"Understanding what the stakes are, he cannot be frightened by the poisoned arrows of the war of nerves."

"It is no figure of speech to say fight on till victory is won but a wise, conscientious statesman's considered opinion."—Reuter.

NAZI AIR
FORCE'S
HANDICAP

Germany is facing a serious shortage of lubrication oil necessary for her war machines, especially aircraft, according to a highly placed British oil expert who arrived in Ankara from Rumania yesterday.

The expert said Germany might have enough petrol for the time being but lubrication oil was almost certainly weakest in her war supplies.

Before the war she imported 90 per cent. of her requirements from Texas, Mexico, and elsewhere across the Atlantic, and the British Navy now has entirely cut off these supplies.

Russia was sending her only small quantities. Rumania has not enough lubricating oil for her own requirements and is therefore unable to send Germany any.

The expert added that examination of planes captured from the Germans showed she was already experiencing lubricating oil difficulties, as the oil in the engines had been found to be in such a poor state that the British Air Force would never dream of using it.—Reuter.

GIFTS TO
RED CROSS
FUND

A large number of gifts from overseas featured the Mansion House postbag in London yesterday for the Lord Mayor's Red Cross Fund which now totals £2,301,000.

Gifts included £4,238 from Bechuanaland Protectorate War Fund, £1,500 from the people of Ceylon (making a total of £15,000), £100 each from the Bapco Club at Bahrain and Mrs. R. M. Du Pont of South Rhodesia, £500 from Kobo British War Fund, £300 from British in Yokohama, Uganda war charities sent £600 for ambulances.—Reuter.

Special Courts For War Offences; New Bill In Parliament

INTRODUCING THE EMERGENCY POWERS DEFENCE (NUMBER TWO) BILL IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY, THE HOME SECRETARY AND MINISTER OF HOME SECURITY, SIR JOHN ANDERSON, SAID IT WAS THE GOVERNMENT'S OBJECT TO AVOID ESTABLISHING ANYTHING IN THE NATURE OF MILITARY COURTS.

Government wanted to establish special courts which would operate only where, owing to military developments, the ordinary machinery of justice could no longer meet or fully meet the requirements of the case.

They would operate only so long as the emergency continues. "The sort of case we have in mind is where, after an attempted invasion by sea or air, or possibly a severe air attack, a state of things prevails in which as part of the process of re-establishing normal conditions, it is necessary to have courts in operation which can deal with grave offences far more speedily than would be possible under the normal course of justice."

"Suitable men of judicial rank or qualified to exercise high judicial office will be selected and assigned to act as presidents of special war zone courts."

They will be empowered to deal with offences of all kinds but it is contemplated that in practice they will only deal with the more serious offences which are of importance from the military point of view in any area declared to be a war zone.

Considerable Interruption

"It is proposed to provide for the elimination of the procedure of committal for trial in order to enable offenders to be brought immediately before special courts. These will be of a civilian character, and the ordinary rules of evidence will apply."

There was considerable interruption by Mr. Leslie Hore-Bellish, and several Labour members, who generally contended that the details which Sir John Anderson was explaining ought to be in the Bill laid before the House.

Sir John Anderson replied there was a very great urgency in the matter. There was a great deal to be said for preserving the element of flexibility which was secured by dealing with the matter by regulation.

Second Reading

The House of Commons yesterday gave a second reading to the Emergency Powers (Defence) Bill after the Attorney-General, Sir Donald Somervell, replying to the debate, said there was nothing in the Bill to limit the common law powers generally referred to as martial law.

The problem with which the Bill sought to deal did not arise in the immediate battle zone but might arise as the aftermath of invasion when there might still be parties of the enemy about.

It was important that the population should not impede operations and realise that certain offences might carry very heavy penalties, and it was necessary that penalties should be imposed immediately.

He added the military authorities themselves desired that there should be courts of the kind mentioned in the Bill.—Reuter.

No Jury Or Appeal

There would be no jury and no appeal from the decision of the court which would be empowered to impose any sentence authorised by law, including the death penalty, for any offence for which the law authorised capital punishment.

Sir John further mentioned that if extensive looting should take place, or if there should be apprehension of extensive looting in the war zone, it would obviously be necessary to inflict most drastic penalties.

It was proposed—not under the Bill—to provide by defence

regulation that in such a situation of acute emergency the courts should be empowered to impose the death penalty for looting.

It was also proposed to provide by defence regulation for drastic penalty, including the death penalty, if necessary, for an offence known in military language as forcing a safeguard, namely, forcing one's way past a military post or overpowering a sentry.

Circumstances might arise in which it would be necessary to close certain roads or certain places to civilians, and a grave view must be taken of any attempt by anyone to disregard such restrictions and force his way past a military guard.

Law Sufficient

Generally speaking, as apart from such special cases mentioned, it was believed that the existing law, as already supplemented by the emergency legislation, would be sufficient for dealing with all such offences.

The ordinary criminal law had been supplemented by the Treachery Act imposing the death penalty for acts of espionage or sabotage committed with intent to assist the enemy and by numerous provisions in the Defence Regulations relating to signalling and communicating with enemy agents and spreading false reports.

Detailed provisions for the establishment of the courts would be made by the Defence Regulations to be laid before Parliament, and members would then have an opportunity of examining the scheme in detail.

Sir John Anderson again emphasised there was no intention of setting up these special courts until a critical situation arose calling for special means of dealing swiftly with offences by civilians.

Replying to questions, Sir John said the decision whether the military situation was such as to require the institution of special courts would be taken by a civilian authority, presumably the Home Secretary.

An Undertaking

In the course of the debate, in which Mr. Lees-Smith (Labour) and Mr. F. Kingsley Griffith (Liberal) contended the Bill was far too vague to be accepted in its present form, Mr. Hore-Bellish said the Home Secretary had introduced the Bill as a measure to protect civilians from harsh military procedure.

The Bill did exactly the reverse. If the measure was allowed to pass through the House in its present form, they would hand over to the executive the most extreme powers without any of the safeguards mentioned.

After further criticism from a Labour member, Sir John said he was willing to give an undertaking that words would be introduced into the Bill making it quite clear that the kind of court set up under it must be civilian.—Reuter.

G.C.M.G. FOR SIR RONALD CAMPBELL

Award of the Grand Cross of St. Michael and St. George to Sir Ronald Hugh Campbell, until recently British Ambassador in Paris, was announced in the London Gazette last night.—Reuter.

BRITAIN'S SECRET WEAPON

The New York "Post," published a despatch from its London correspondent yesterday on the air fight over Dover, of which he was an eye-witness.

In one of the most vivid accounts of warfare yet seen, he concludes by referring to the coolness of the civilian population.

"This stoicism, or indifference, or cool courage, whatever it is, is Britain's secret weapon in this war," he concludes.—Reuter.

LULL JUST A PRELUDE

(Special to "China Mail")

Monday night's lull in air raids on Britain may only be the ominous prelude to the much-threatened blitzkrieg, and informed British circles deprecate any attempt to further the Nazi game by talking about the blitzkrieg as though it was not going to come off.

Hitler, they point out, has been delaying it until his re-organization is completed, and it will come as soon as he is ready.

Any ultimatum (which, Italian quarters hinted, would immediately precede the blitzkrieg) is foredoomed to failure, say these circles.—Havas.

Dropped Off Badly

German planes on Monday night dropped off badly in their raids on Britain.

One German plane appeared over the north-east coast and caused a little damage and a few minor casualties. There are reports of some more over north-east England, but that is all.—Reuter.

DUKE AND DUCHESS OF WINDSOR TO FLY ATLANTIC

The Duke and Duchess of Windsor have booked passage in London by the Clipper to New York, and are expected to fly from New York to the Bahamas by special plane immediately on arrival.

Their passport has been vised by the American consulate in Lisbon but no definite date has been fixed for their departure. It is reported, however, they will leave this week.

The Duke of Windsor was recently appointed Governor of the Bahamas.—Reuter.

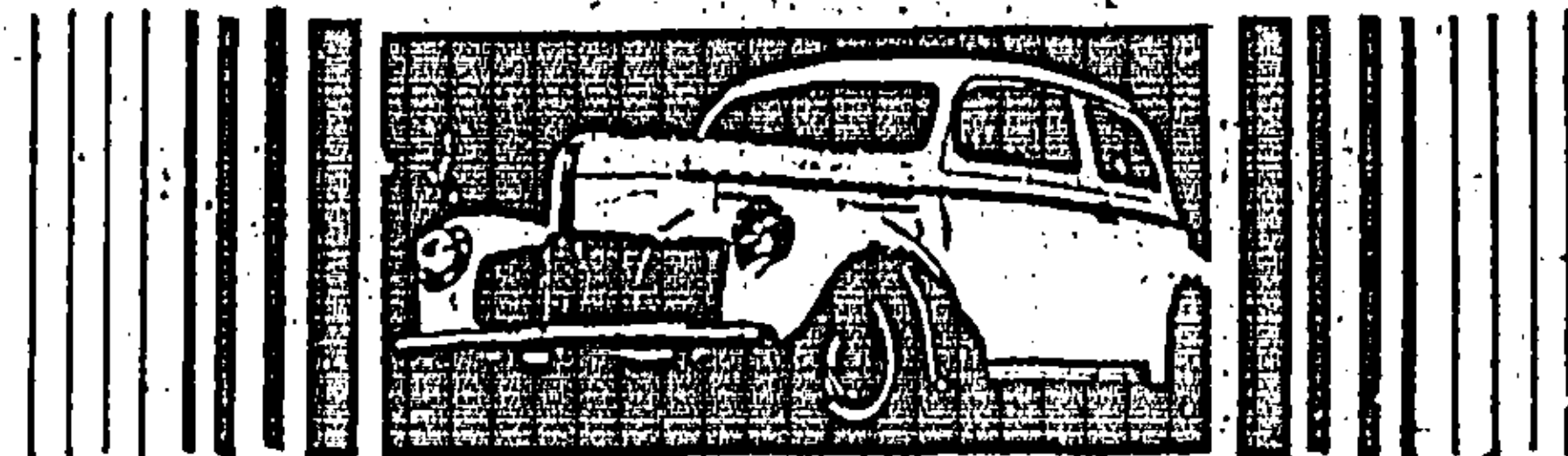
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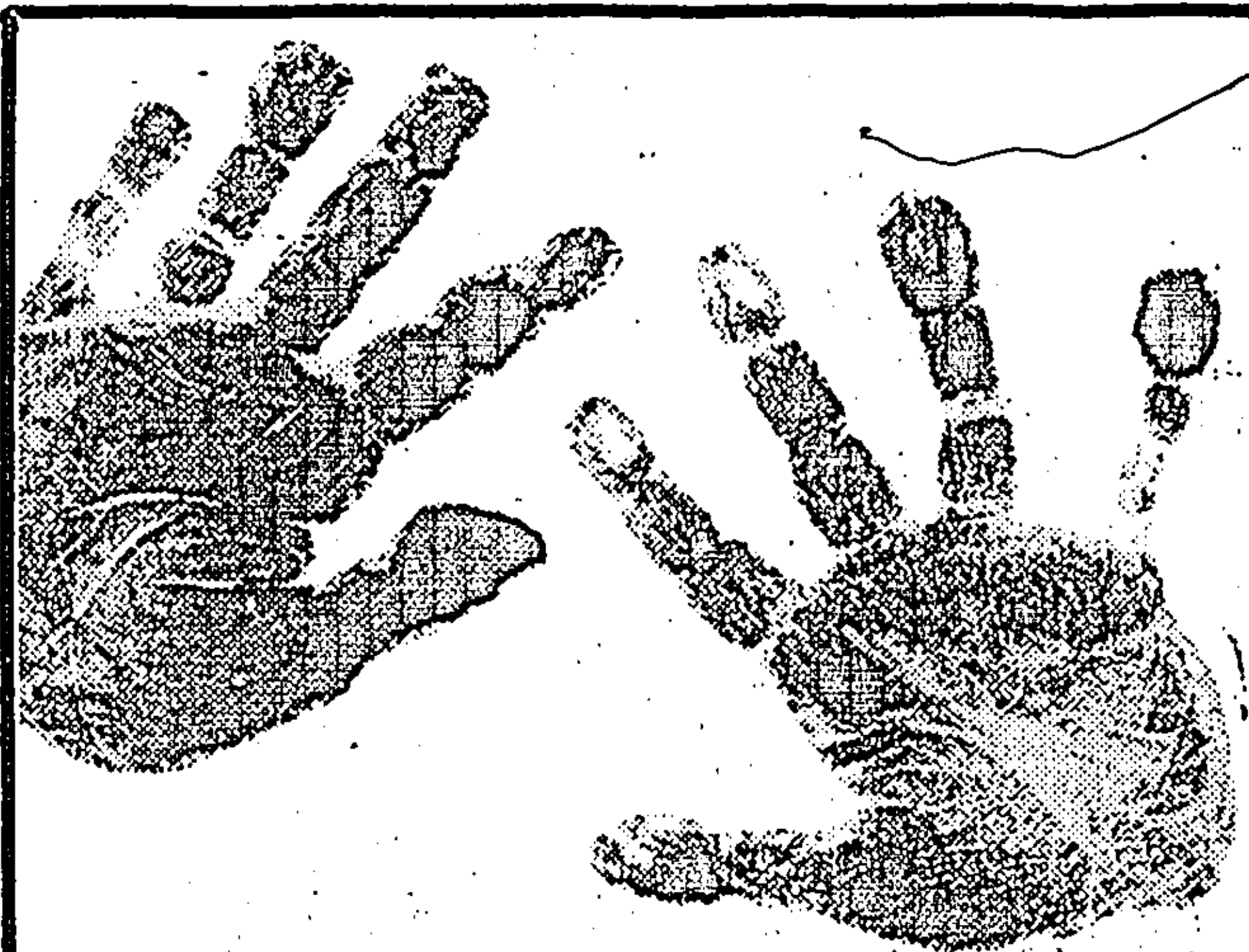
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WINNING CONTRACT

(By The Four Aces)

SECOND HAND HIGH
"This is one time second hand low proved fatal," writes Lewis Brant, of Franklinville, New York.

South, Dealer
North-South vulnerable

♠ A Q J
♥ J 10 4
♦ K J 7 4
♣ J 7 5
♠ 8 3 2
♥ K 6 2
♦ 10 6
♣ A 10 9 6
♠ K 10 9 7
♥ 3
♦ Q 9 6 3
♣ 2 4 2
♠ 6 5 4
♥ A Q 9 8 7 5
♦ A 8
♣ K 8

The bidding:
South West North East
1♥ 2♣ 2♦ 3♣
3♥ Pass 4♥ Pass
Pass Dbl. Redbl. Pass
Pass Pass

We interrupt Mr. Brant only long enough to suggest that West's bidding was little short of fantastic. His hand was far too weak for the two-club overall, let alone a double of four hearts.

"West opened the ten of diamonds," recounts our correspondent, "and I won with the diamond Ace and returned a low heart. West played low—the crucial mistake—and dummy's Jack held. I got back with a heart to the Ace and ruffed a spade to East's King. East couldn't return a club or diamond without sacrificing a trick, so led back a spade."

"Now I took a third round of spades, cashed the King of diamonds and ruffed a diamond. West refused to over-ruff, but I put him in with a trump and he had to lead clubs to my King. West could have defeated the contract by taking the King of hearts promptly at the second trick, for then he could not be end-played."

The last observation is quite true, and the hand was very well played from start to finish. Nevertheless we must point out that the cue to the winning play was provided by West's bad bidding.

Yesterday you were David Bruce Burnstone's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ A K J 8
♥ A K
♦ A J 10 9
♣ A K Q

The bidding:
You Jacoby Burnstone Schooten
2♠ Pass 2NT Pass
3♦ Pass 3♥ Pass
4♠ Pass 4♥ Pass
(?)

ANSWER: Bid five hearts. You intended to bid six hearts if your partner bid four hearts over four clubs, but since he did not rebid the hearts you should not assume sole responsibility for the Slam. Your bidding up to this point shows an enormous hand, and partner will bid the Slam if he has a good heart suit or a couple of picture cards.

Score 100% for five hearts, 40% for six hearts or four notrump.

QUESTION: NO. 464.
You are vulnerable against non-vulnerable opponents, and, as dealer, you hold:

♠ K 10
♥ Q 3 2
♦ —
♣ A K Q J 10 9 8 3

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

ARK ROYAL FANTASIES

The New York "Herald-Tribune" yesterday ridiculed Fascist claims to have hit ships such as Ark Royal, which the Germans say they have already sunk.

The paper notes that the Nazis in their zeal have reported the sinking of more capital ships and cruisers than the British had at the beginning of the war.

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Dr. Ozorio was driving towards Un Long and collided into the rear of a lorry near the 10½-mile post. The front of his car, No. 3612, was smashed in but no damage was done to the lorry. Dr. Ozorio was not hurt.

NEW COMMANDER OF CANADIANS

Major-General G. R. Parker has been appointed to succeed Lt.-Gen. McNaughten as Commander of the First Overseas Division of Canadian troops, says Reuter from Ottawa this morning.

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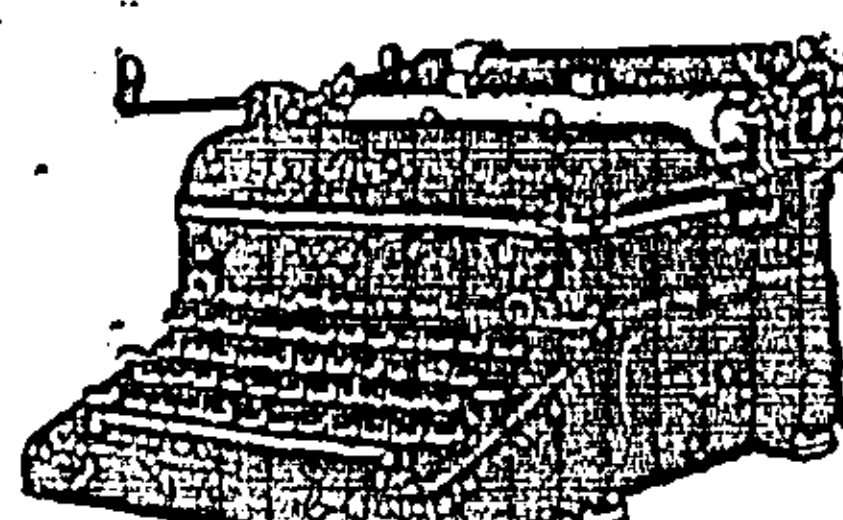
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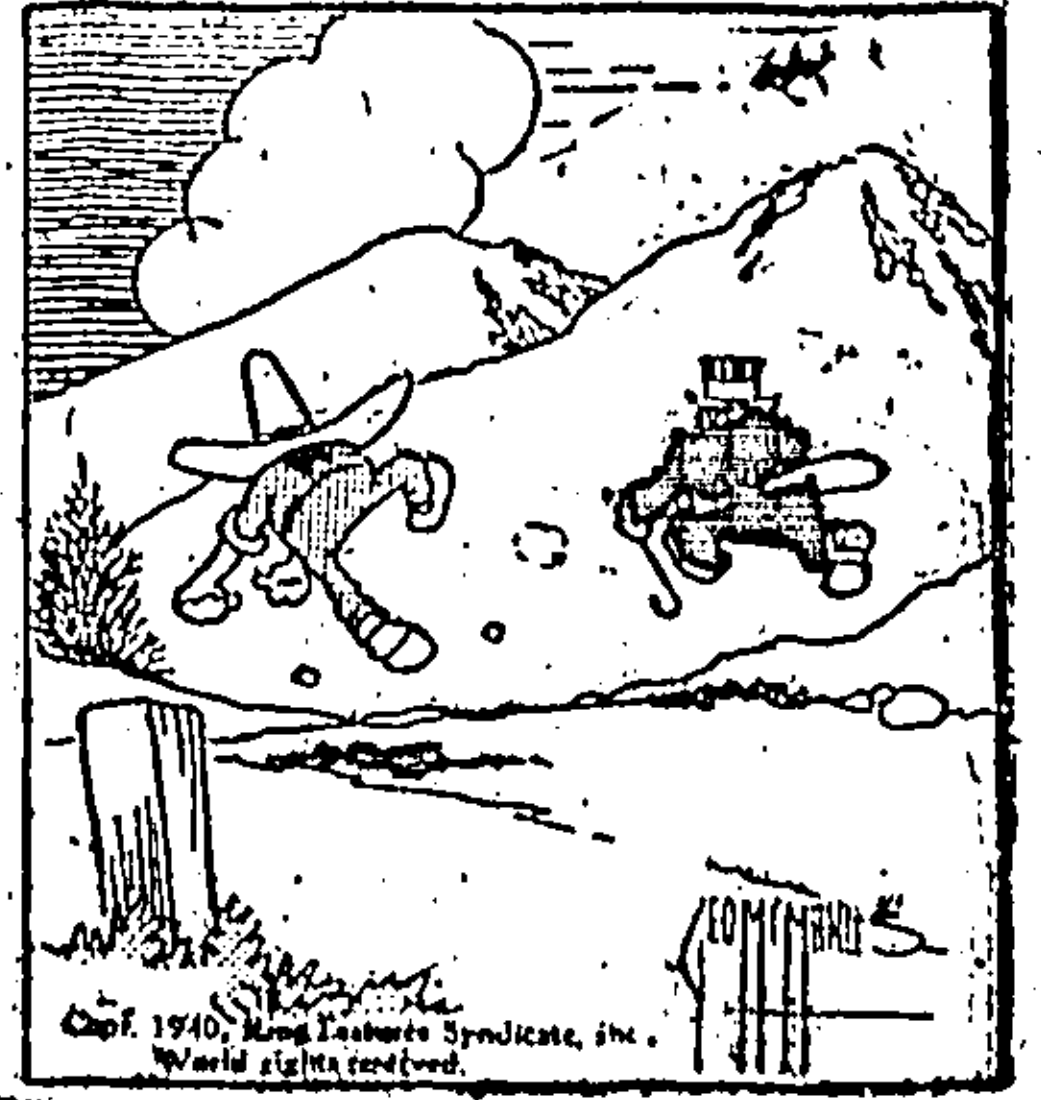
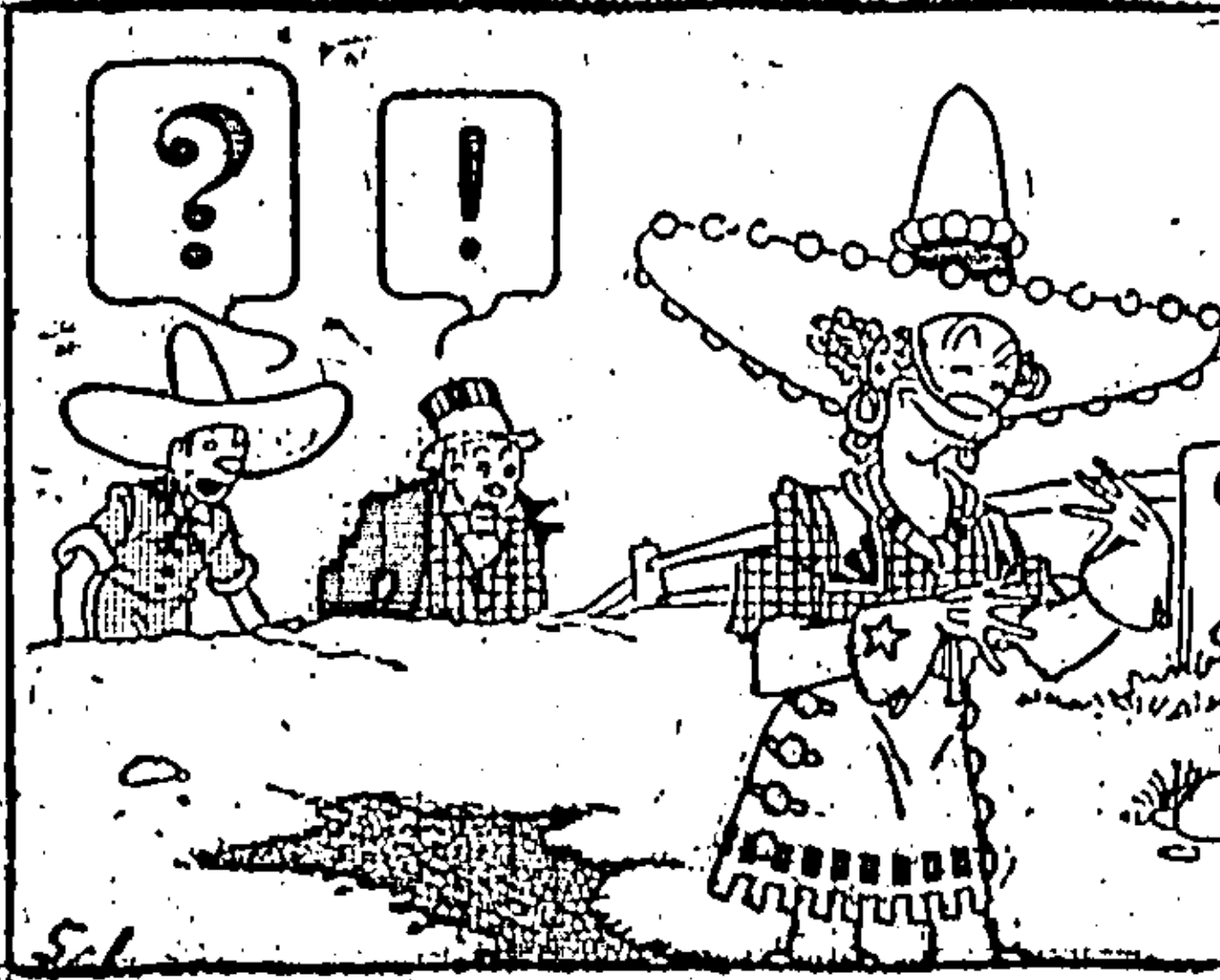
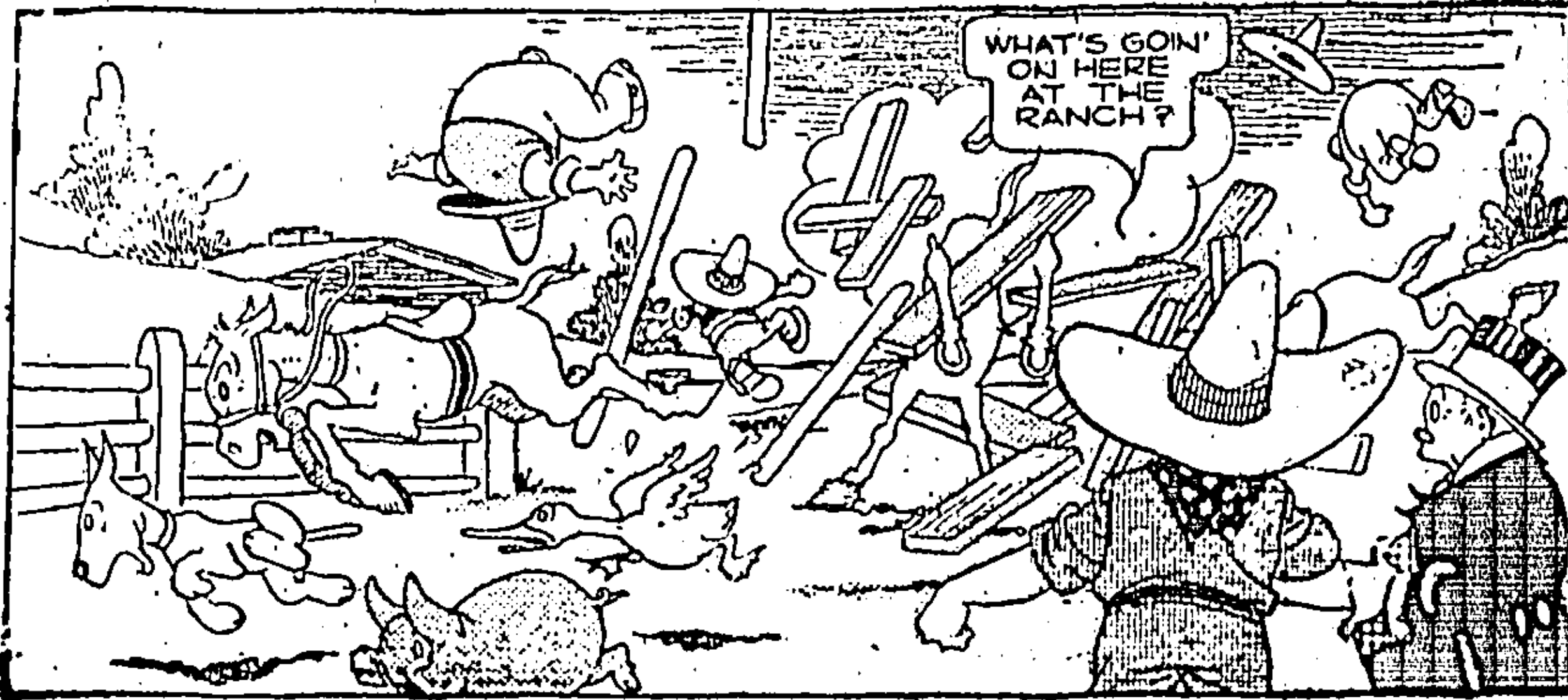
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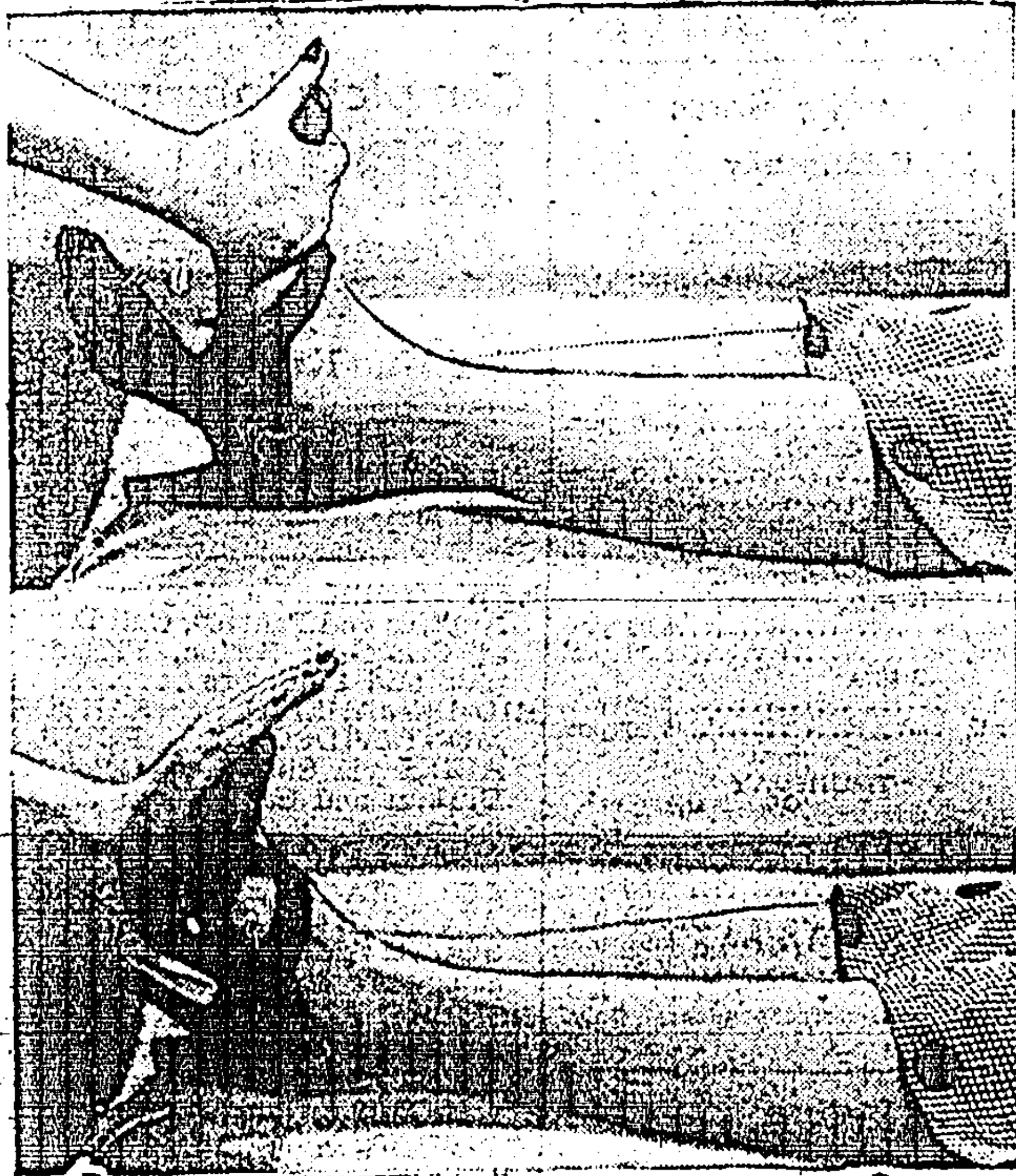


A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Learn to Relax For BEAUTY

In his splendid book for the layman, Doctor Armitage Whitman writes: "Considering your foot as the foundation of your body, and in its proper relation to the body's posture, we must say that, like the whole body, it has two attitudes, that of activity and that of fatigue. The body weight falls downward through the leg and on through the centre of slightly to the outer side of the foot. The body balances upon the centre of the foot. The muscles on its inner border and the long flexor muscles of the toes, by their activity, hold the arch supported."

In the attitude of fatigue we may assume that the muscles, exhausted, have given way, and the arch is supported by the ligaments alone. In this attitude the toes are turned out. The body



These pretty feet belong to JANICE LOGAN of the screen. demonstrate the exercise described in to-day's column.

By Patricia Lindsay

weight then falls on the inner side of the foot, the weak side, where there are only ligaments to support it."

From this quotation we may see how important your feet are in relation to your beauty. If your posture is destroyed by ailing feet, you may be sure that unlovely strained lines will appear in your face, your abdomen muscles will weaken and your breast muscles sag. An unlovely picture, isn't it?

So let's do everything we can this winter to prevent that silhouette from becoming an actuality.

First teach yourself how to relax your feet at the end of a busy day. Begin with the exercise illustrated above by Janice Logan.

You lie down limply on a hard mattress without a pillow. Raise and bend one foot upward (the toes pointing toward your head) while an assistant tries to retard the movement by pulling away from you. When she releases her grip, drop your foot limply to the bed. Repeat with other foot. You should get a feeling of relaxed, soothed foot muscles.

The second part of the movement is this. Without raising your foot off the bed, press your toes against the hand of an assistant as she presses toward you—note the tenseness in the calf of your leg. When she pulls her hand away, allow your foot to drop as it will in relaxation. Repeat with other foot.

ANOTHER EXERCISE

Still lying down with feet apart, extend the legs straight out, heels pushing hard, and rotate the toes inward, big toes touching.

Relax and allow feet to fall back in place.

Repeat five times. Relax a few seconds. Gradually work up to twenty-five times.

GROOMING

Now when your feet are relaxed you should get up and give them a dousing in hot water, then cold, then hot again. The next twenty minutes you could use to advantage in giving them a professional pedicure ending up with a soothing foot massage.

RISE IN U.K. FOOD PRICES

The rise in food prices in England is chiefly caused by price rises for potatoes and milk.

The rise in the price of milk is the first, apart from normal seasonal changes, which has occurred since the outbreak of war. Although the price to ordinary consumers has now risen it will not affect those for whom milk is essential.

The milk in schools scheme takes care of those attending school while under the national milk scheme set up by the Ministry of Food, one pint of milk per head daily can be obtained by expectant and nursing mothers and children under five years of age at twopence per pint or free in the case of families with incomes below a certain limit. — British Wireless.

GAOL FOR SPITTING

For spitting in the dock, an additional one week's imprisonment was imposed on Ho. Hok, 33, hawker, who was charged before Mr. E. Himsforth at the Kowloon Magistracy with the theft of a purse containing \$443.73 from a fellow-tenant.

While allegations concerning the theft charge were being outlined by Detective-Sergeant W. G. Morrison, accused was seen spit-

ESCAPE FROM PO LEUNG KUK

A young woman of 21 was before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K. C., this morning, charged with assisting two girls to escape from the Po Leung Kuk on July 7.

Leung Kau-mui, by name, she said that she did not encourage the girls to leave, but took part in forcing the iron grill.

Mr. G. W. Moreton, of the S.C.A., who prosecuted, said defendant was admitted to the Po Leung Kuk from the Salvation Army on July 5. The other two girls, Li Shui-yi, 15, and Lau Siu-king, 18, had been admitted previously, and, with defendant, were put in a "J" room for a special reason.

The girls were in the room at about 12.30 a.m. on July 11, but were missing at about 5.30 a.m.

The iron grill of the window had been forced open and the escape made by bed sheets.

A detective arrested Leung on board the s.s. Kinsan yesterday, when the steamer was on the point of leaving the Colony. The other girls had not yet been found.

Mr. Moreton asked the Court to take a serious view.

Defendant was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

Leung in the dock. He was sentenced to three months' hard labour for the theft.

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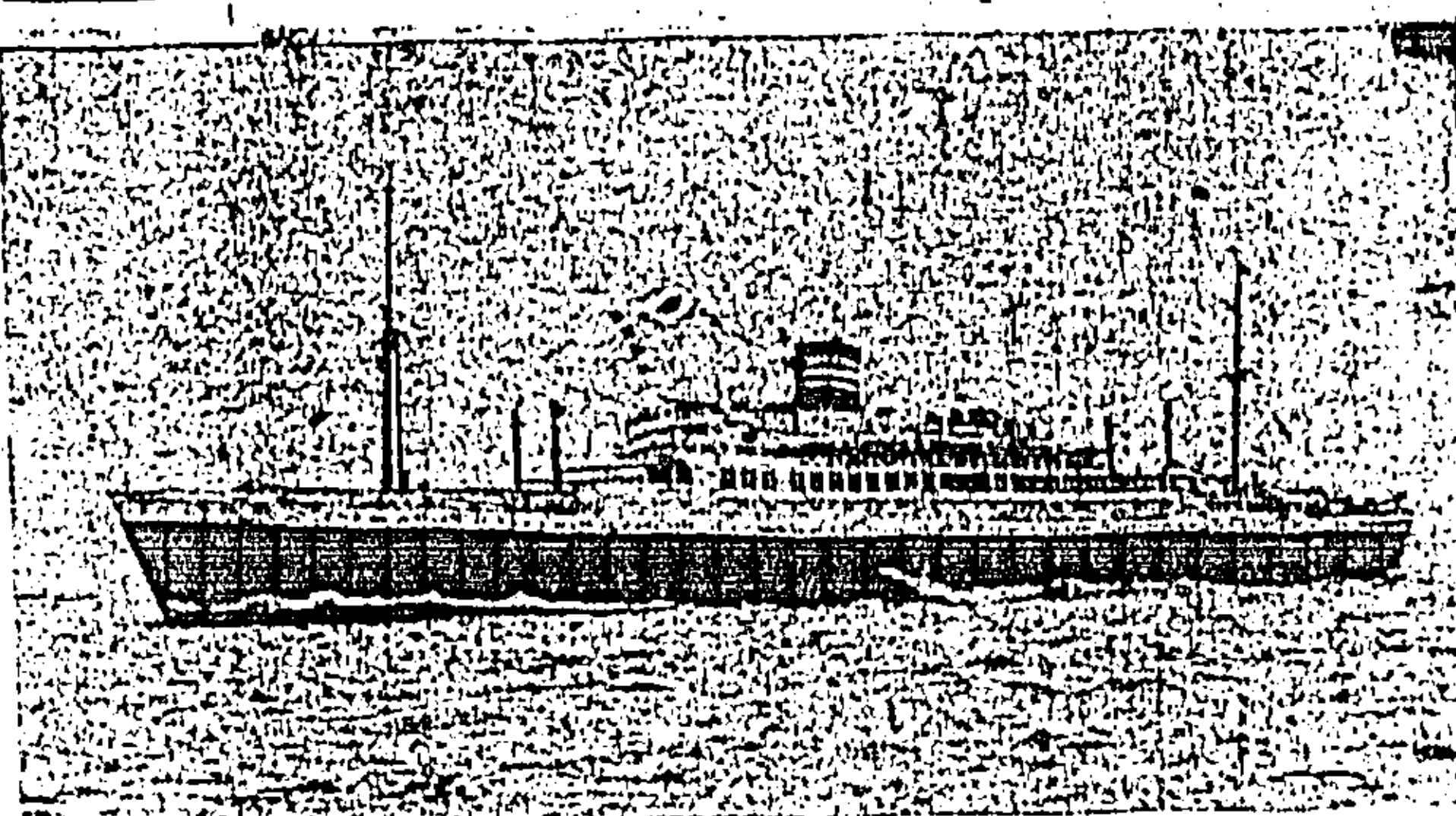
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12.30 p.m.—Excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan.
1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Billy Mayerl at the Piano.
1.13 p.m.—Film Selections.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—Dance Music.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6.00 p.m.—Schubert—Symphony No. 7 in C Major. The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sir Adrian Boult.
6.48 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.50 p.m.—Two Songs by Miliza Korjus (Soprano).
La Villanelle (Dell'Acqua).
Thousand and One Nights Waltz (Strauss).
7.00 p.m.—Marek Weber and His Orchestra.
7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Compositions of Elgar.
Woodland Interlude (from "Cavalcades," Op. 35); Dream Children, Op. 43, No. 1. . . . London Symphony Orchestra cond. by Lawrence Collingwood.
La Capricieuse, Op. 17. . . Bronslaw Huberman (Violin) with Piano.
It's Oh! To Be A Wild Wind; Feasting, I Watch. . . The Westminster Singers. Unaccompanied.
Froissart Overture, Op. 19 (When Chivalry lifted up her lance on high—Kents). . . London Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Sir Edward Elgar.
8.30 p.m.—Studio—"Poets" No. 5; Kents. Talk by Father Ryan, S.J.
8.50 p.m.—Songs by Stuart Robertson (Bass-Baritone).
9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—"Matters of Moment".
9.45 p.m.—The Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards.
Nautical Moments—(arr.—Winter & Duthoit).
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11.00 p.m.—Close down.



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GERMANY RE-MAKING BALKANS

It is understood Germany has advised Rumania, Bulgaria and Hungary to settle the outstanding territorial differences between them, with Germany as go-between.

Negotiations to this end were stated in Bucharest, the Rumanian capital, yesterday to be in progress between Sofia, Bucharest and Budapest.

Germany is chiefly concerned with the future status of the 1,800,000 members of the German minority in Rumania, of whom the greater part are in Transylvania.

The German plan would concentrate the majority of them in one region of Transylvania and grant it autonomous rights.

Strong objections have already been expressed in Rumania to any further territorial concessions which would be calculated to precipitate a demand that such minorities should be repatriated. — Reuter.

FOUND WITH ELEVEN WRIST WATCHES

An old offender, Lo Ying, 24, was sentenced to 12 months' hard labour and 24 strokes by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, when convicted for snatching watches from Chinese women in Wanchai.

Det. Sergeant V. Morrison said eleven wrist watches were found in his possession.

"I am asking that a serious view be taken in this case," continued Sergeant Morrison.

"Mrs. Tam Man-fong was badly injured in the elbow and knee at the snatching of her watch."

WHAT THE NAZIS HAVE DONE TO GERMANY

A LEADER IN THE "Manchester Guardian" yesterday demolished the one ground on which pro-Nazi sympathisers before the war could base their plaudits. It has often been said that the Nazi regime did great things for Germany, apart from the drive for world dominion — but that claim is refuted by official German documents.

The paper discusses a book by Dr. Martin Gunther, now a refugee in the United States, and who gives a summary based on official and scientific reports issued in Germany itself.

Here are some of the "great things" the Nazis have done for

Germany in the past six years:—

An increased death rate;
A falling off in the birth rate;
A decrease in fecundity;
An increase in rickets;
Physical incapacity of youth;
Ninety per cent. flat feet (!);
Growing criminality;
An increase in drunkenness;
A doubling in mental diseases;
An increase in venereal disease;
A rise in tuberculosis in both man and beast;
An increase in epidemics;
An increase in puerperal fever;
An increase of mortality in hospitals;
A decline in worker capacity; and
New occupational diseases.

It would be the sheerest folly to draw from this signs of a German collapse in the field, says the "Manchester Guardian," but that the German people are healthier, happier and fitter for long resistance as a result of the German drive for war seems to be a legend which only Dr. Goebbels could embrace. — Reuter.

MOSQUITO NUISANCE

Mr. M. Nemazee, of No. 12, Peak Road, was summoned before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, for failing to comply with a notice served on him by the Urban Council to destroy all mosquito larvae at his residence.

Mr. W. C. Hung entering a plea of guilty, said his client had instructed the gardener, but he had failed to carry out his orders.

Mr. M. E. Purvis, of the Sanitary Department, said he visited the premises on June 20, and found mosquitoes in flower pots on the second floor.

A fine of \$25 was imposed.

COAL RESERVES

The Minister of Mines stated at the Mine Workers Conference yesterday that the Government had a programme for accumulating large stocks of coal aiming at the establishment of a store of twenty million tons in strategic depots throughout the country. — British Wireless.

JAPANESE CABINET OUTLOOK

AS THE EMPEROR PERSONALLY INTERVENED IN THE PREVIOUS CABINET CRISIS TO PREVENT GENERAL HATA FROM BECOMING PREMIER, JAPAN'S NEXT PRIME MINISTER WILL BE SELECTED FROM THE TWO ONLY POSSIBLE CANDIDATES — PRINCE KONOYE AND R. EIJI AMAO, JAPANESE AMBASSADOR IN ROME WHO WAS FORMERLY A SPOKESMAN FOR THE JAPANESE FOREIGN OFFICE IN TOKYO, ACCORDING TO INFORMED JAPANESE CIRCLES.

The resignation of Admiral Yonai's Cabinet is said to be due to failure to achieve real headway, in settlement of the "China Affair" and to disagreements with the Army authorities.

Both Prince KonoYE and Mr. Amao are pro-Fascists, and it is felt that if either is allowed to form the new Cabinet, the relationship between Japan and third Powers will be further strained. — Our Own Correspondent.

JAPANESE BONDS EASE IN THE MARKET

Prices were well maintained on the London Stock Exchange yesterday despite the quietness of trading. Japanese bonds tended to ease on expectations of a change in the Japanese Government. Gilt-edged were steady, industrials mainly better and Kaffirs, at deep levels, were quietly supported. Wall Street was steady. — Reuter.

CHIEF CULPRIT ESCAPES

Charged with larceny of a purse containing \$700 Chinese currency and \$30 Hong Kong currency as well as two gold finger-rings, from a farmer, Li Lam, in Shek Lung Street yesterday, Lo Po, 23, Chan Wing-ki, 17, and Li Chuen, 20 all unemployed, were sentenced to six months' hard labour and recommended for banishment by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning.

Det. Sgt. J. Johnston prosecuting, said that accused, with another, who was not arrested and was believed to be the ring-leader, took the purse from the farmer's belt.

A Chinese constable saw the incident and chased accused, arresting two on the scene. Third accused was later arrested, but the alleged instigator made his escape with the money.

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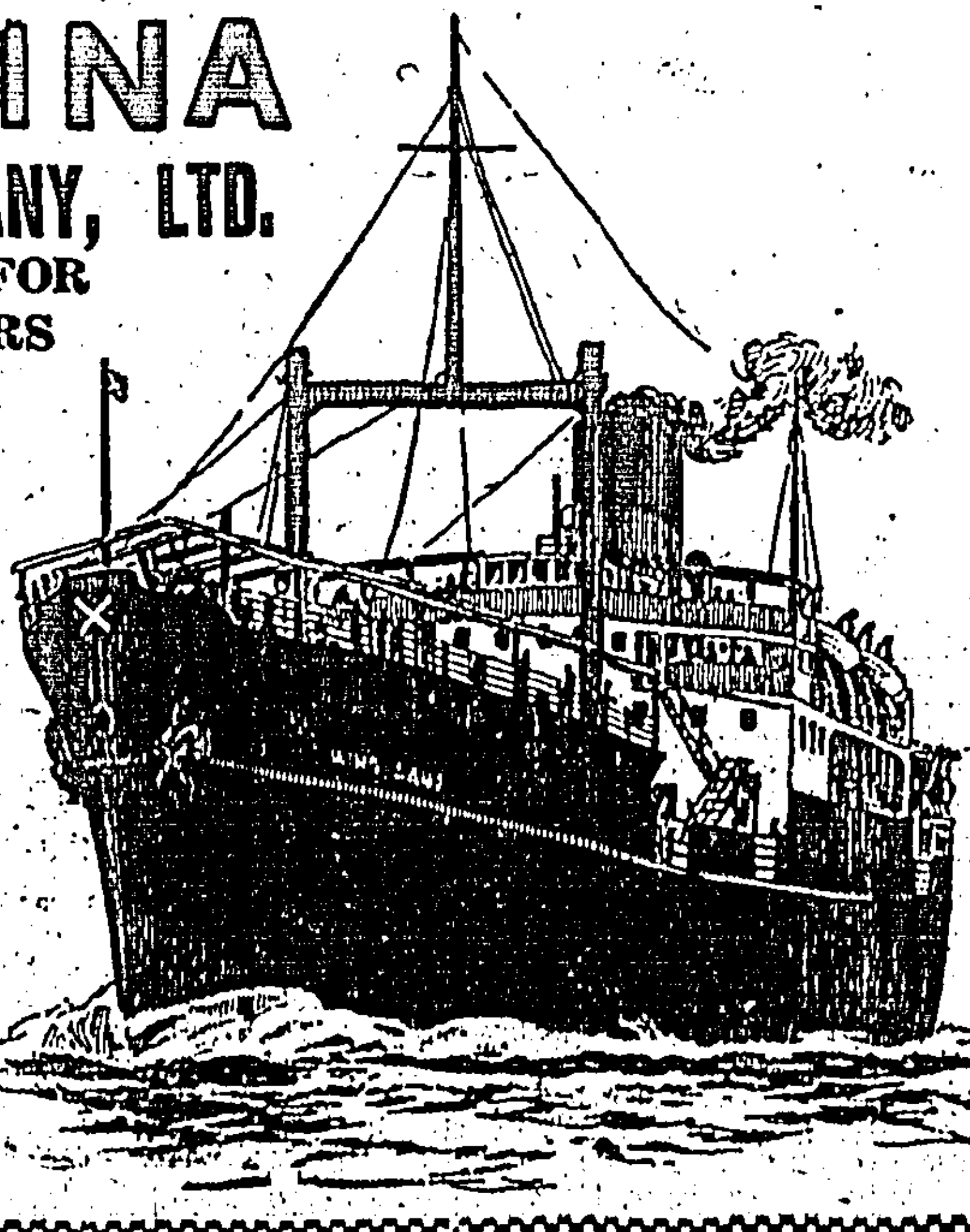
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BASEBALL NOTES

Mindanao Play Flawless Game And Subdue Chung Hwa Team Harvey Equals Smith's Strike-Out Record

Sappers Hold South China For Six Innings

By "Grandstand"

DESPITE THE threatening weather some interesting tilts were dished out to baseball fans over the week-end. The Hong Kong Baseball Club—Hong Kong Brewery tussle was the only one marred by a heavy shower, the game being called off in the fifth on account of rain.

On Saturday Royal Engineers were unfortunate to drop a game at the hands of South China after a ding-dong battle for six innings.

The final score was 17-11. The Sappers tried hard enough to hold the Nam Hwas down but they got jittery in the pinches and were guilty of eight costly bobbles. South China staged no less than three rallies which more than rattled the hapless Sappers. On all three occasions two men were out when Sappers allowed Nam Hwa to stage their merry-go-round.

The fracas started off with South China counting for three tallies when Yip and I. C. Wong stored on two hits, a walk and two errors. Royal Engineers replied with two runs with Taylor and Denyer crossing the plate on two Annie Oakleys, a hit by Fox, and a sacrifice fly to left field by Shaw.

Both teams were blanked in the second and third stanzas. In the fourth, South China staged their first rally. Pau slapped a two-bagger but was nailed at the plate with a beautiful throw from left-fielder Taylor to backstop Fox. Cecil Winglee singled and Ng grounded to the pitcher for the second out. With two away Bob Law worked Denyer for a walk and stole second. Winglee scored on a wild throw by short-stop Foley and Lau reached first on a fielder's choice. C. W. Wong singled to score Law. Both Lau and Wong scored on two wild throws by catcher Fox. Yip grounded to third to retire the inning.

The Sappers knotted the score with a five-run rally in the fourth nicking hurler Lau for four hits and aided by four Nam Hwa errors. Nam Hwa forged ahead with four more runs in the fifth. After two away Pau, Cecil Winglee, Ng and Bob Law crossed the counting station on three bingles, a walk and an error. The Sappers added one more run in the fifth and three in the sixth to tie the score once more. A six-run rally in the last inning clinched the game for Nam Hwa. Sappers tried to rally in their last time up, but were held in one-two-three order.

George Denyer was not his usual self on the mound. He

struck out two and walked six, while Lau whiffed five and passed seven. Pau struck out one.

Mindanao Win

Playing to a packed stand U.S.S. Mindanao subdued Chung Hwa 7-5 in the most interesting League game of the week-end. Mindanao played with nary a miscue, to give twirler Ski Powlawski a million dollars support, while Chung Hwa booted six behind Bill Chang's pitching.

With one run in the first canto and a six run merry-go-round in the second, the bluejackets led all the way. Chung Hwa tightened in the third frame to blank the Chasemen for the rest of the encounter.

Chung Hwa, who batted first, were shut out in the first inning. Ski whiffed two in this frame and "Horseface" Douglas, unassisted, erased Nip Lum at the initial sack. In the second inning the Abemmen pushed across two runs. Tuffy Chinn doubled and Hank Chang walked. Grandpop Leung, who played inspired ball, clouted a triple to left-field to score Tuffy and Hank Chang. Chung Hwa did not score again till the sixth, when Tuffy Chinn crossed, followed by Al Lau on three blows and a walk. The Liumen tried hard in the last canto but their efforts were only good for one tally. Choy counted on a walk and was brought in by Tuffy Chinn's triple.

Ski Powlawski had a good day on the rubber, whiffing eight and passing five. Bill Chang was not so lucky; he only struck out two and walked two.

A neat double killing was pulled off by Nip Lum and Al Lau in the fifth to dispose of Crooner Ruel and Padgett.

Mindanao 160 000 x-7 6 0
Chung Hwa 020 002 1-5 6 9

Easy Meat

Hong Kong Baseball Club were easy meat for Hong Kong Brewers in a 13-2 scoring. The game was called by Chief Umpire Ski Powlawski in the fifth inning on account of rain.

Johnny Alvares started on the mound for the Molthenmen but was yanked in favour of Bill "Scoop" Smith in the fourth, after he had yielded nine hits and eleven runs. Alvares struck out one and issued three passes to first. Smith walked two. M. Arcoulli, who went the full route for H.B., whiffed five and walked none.

Dave "Bambino" Leonard homered for the longest hit of the fray. Johnny Alvares tripled with one on board.

H.K. Brewers 034 81-13 10 1
H.K. Baseball Club 002 00-2 3 4

Pitching a no-hitter, Joe Harvey gave his ship another victory when U.S.S. Asheville gave U.S.S. Tulsa a 5 to 1 trouncing. Joe Harvey's best pal, Pete Peterson,

spoiled his no-run-no-hit performance when Pete came tearing home in the last frame for Tulsa's lone tally. As the best of friends can be the worst of enemies in a ball game Pete had to come in with that run to prevent a worse defeat at the hands of his best friend and rival on the diamond.

Benching 13 Tulsamen via the strike out routs Joe Harvey equalled. Bill "Scoop" Smith's record of 13 strike-outs in the game against Mindanao.

The game was played in a real American atmosphere with Uncle Sam's bluejackets furnishing all the clatter and razzing in keeping with the long-established tradition of the American pastime.

Asheville started off with a bang in the first inning with three tallies. Shorty Sondag led off and was given a pass to first. Williamson followed with a timely single to right field. Sondag scored when first sacker Peterson made a wild throw to third. Hurst came up and was hit by the pitcher. Grovernale was now up and walloped a stinging single to score Williamson. Hurst was nailed at third for the first out. Gray sacrificed a long fly to left-field to score Grovernale. Sabo fanned the breeze to retire the inning.

Asheville scored two more runs in the fourth. Gray and Sabo came in on one hit, a walk and two errors. For the rest of the game the score board showed goose eggs for Asheville!

Tulsa's lone count came in when Pete Peterson was given a life with a pass to first, in the last inning. Pete ambled all the way home after Joe Harvey let go with three wild pitches.

There was some argument where I was sitting as to whether the Asheville pitcher was baulking or not. The Asheville followers insisted that Joe Harvey was not baulking and was pitching according to rules. The old gent, who appeared to be a neutral, was willing to lay a bet that the pitcher was baulking according to the book of rules because he was not facing the batter when he delivered the ball with men on bases. As there was no rule book on hand the argument was dropped. The book of rules, however, has this to say:

Rule 31—BALKS: Sec. 4. "Any delivery of the ball to the bat by the pitcher while he is not facing the batsman".

"THE GREATEST PLAY I'VE EVER SEEN..."

This is another of a series of short descriptions of "The Greatest Play I've Ever Seen" as appearing in the Shanghai "China Press." Baseball is the game referred to and the plays to be described took place in Shanghai.

By T. F. MULLAHEY

As told to Hal P. Mills

I've been watching baseball games here for a quarter of a century and more, but it is not necessary to turn back the years in order to describe the greatest bit of baseball I've seen in Shanghai. No, sir, just a matter of a few weeks ago.

I refer to the smart, daring baserunning of none other than "Bill Lamneck." In that recent Sunday after-noon between the First Battalion and the Shanghai Amateurs. Seated in the grandstand directly behind home plate, I had a clear view of everything and lemme tell you, sir, I was thrilled.

Those who saw the game, a game, incidentally, in which the Amateurs shone, will recall that when Lamneck gained first base, with no other runners on the paths, a lone run was needed to win the game. It was the eighth inning, as close and as pretty a contest as one could wish to see. Houston, twirler for the Marine team, was going great guns but was wild. Bill Lamneck, fully aware of the fact that a single tally would no doubt win the game, promptly stole second, thus being in position to score on a clean single.

ARMY TENNIS

Two matches in the Army Tennis League were played yesterday, 24th. Bty., R.A. and Royal Scots scoring wins. Both matches were in "B" Division.

24 BTY. v R. SCOTS

L/Cpl. Moore and L/Cpl. Sherdon (R.A.S.C.)
lost to Capt. McMillan and Lieut. Simons 0-6
lost to L/Bdr. Thompson and Gnr. Denton 4-6
lost to Sgt. Warder and L/Bdr. Hannan 2-6

Cpl. Glenn and Pte. Walton (R.A.S.C.)
lost to McMillan and Simons 5-7
lost to Thompson and Denton 6-3
lost to Warder and Hannan 1-6
Cpl. Smith and L/Cpl. Fare (R.A.S.C.)
lost to McMillan and Simons 2-6
lost to Thompson and Denton 0-6
lost to Warder and Hannan 2-6

R.A.P.C. v R.S.

Another "B" Division Army League tennis match was played when the 2nd Battalion, Royal Scots beat the Royal Army Pay Corps by 6 sets to 3, at Sookunpoc yesterday.

Reed and Ingleley (R.A.P.C.)
beat C.Q.M.S. Graham and C.Q.M.S. Green 6-2
lost to Sgt. Taylor and L/Cpl. Downing 3-6
lost to Pte. Gilroy and Pte. Jenkins 2-6
Lackhurst and Stone (R.A.P.C.)
beat Graham and Green 6-4
lost to Taylor and Downing 2-6
lost to Gilroy and Jenkins 0-6
Chalcraft and Hemming (R.A.P.C.)
lost to Graham and Green 6-1
lost to Taylor and Downing 1-6
lost to Gilroy and Jenkins 0-6

Soccer Reminders

Last season's First Division Clubs are reminded that they are to submit the name of their representative on the Council of Hong Kong Football Association by Friday

First meeting of the Council of the Football Association will be held at the end of the month and Clubs who have not sent in their entries for the different divisions of the Football League are advised to do so immediately.

ARMY SPORTLIGHT

By "SQUADDY"

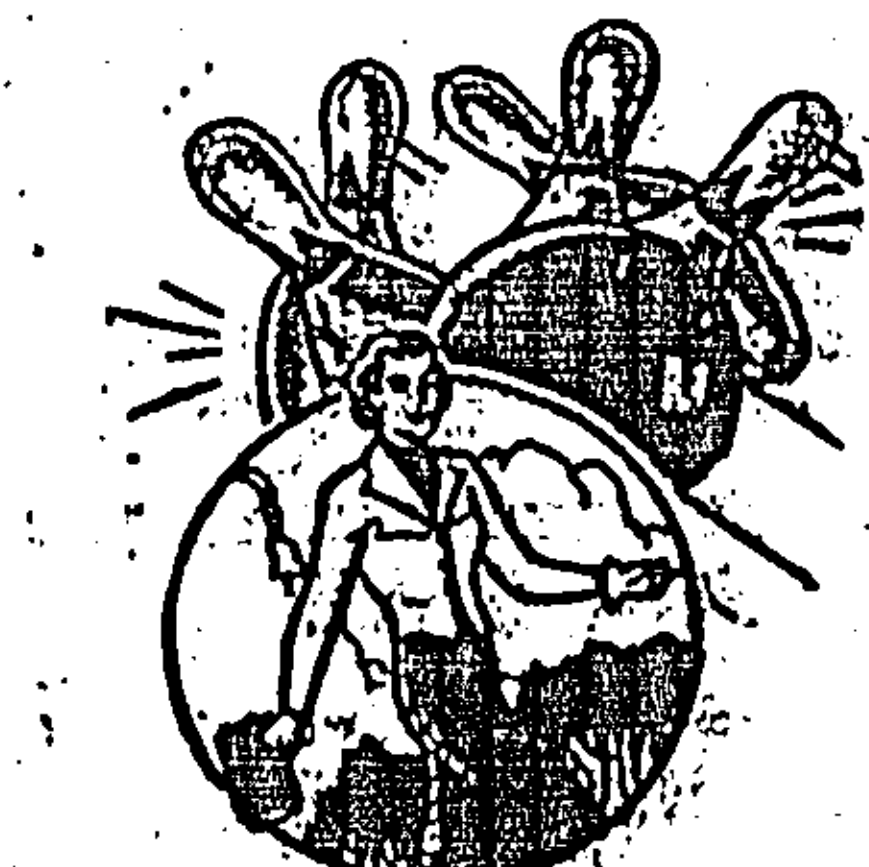
MR. Lee seems to have started something when he mentioned the fact that he wished to match some of his boxers against servicemen. The most recent development is a challenge made by two boxers from the Army to fight a Chinese lightweight and heavy-weight respectively. The two Army men may be counted the best at their weights in the Services here in Hong Kong, though neither of them are in training at the present. This talk of boxing has aroused the interest of the Navy and I learn that one of H.M. Australian Ships has issued a challenge to Army boxers. Among their crew they have the only Australian ever to gain the distinction of being heavyweight champion of the Mediterranean Fleet and also McMahon, a welterweight, who was champion of one of the English Naval training schools. A very interesting contest might be arranged Army versus Australian Navy, with a couple of friendly bouts between Mr. Lee's two best boxers and two Army men.

THE Servicemen's section of the European Y.M.C.A. is arranging a Billiards, Darts and Table Tennis tournament, providing sufficient support. Y.M.C.A. port is forthcoming. Those who wish to enter should send their names to the Secretary, The Servicemen's Committee, c/o The Y.M.C.A., Salisbury Road, Kowloon, or go and enter their names on the lists provided for that purpose in the Servicemen's Lounge. There will be prizes for the winners in each section, and, if sufficient entries are received, prizes will also be awarded to runners-up. This tournament should arouse quite a bit of interest, in view of the fact that arrangements are in hand for forming both Darts and Table Tennis Leagues for Service teams in the Colony. A well-supported Billiard League is already in operation.

DESPITE the fine play by Foley as short-stop Royal Engineers, after making a useful start, were unable to hold South China on Saturday. The Baseball Sappers were perhaps a trifle unlucky to lose, having six runs scored against them in the last inning, through a series of errors. A distinct improvement was noticed in the Sapper's fielding, though one or two good efforts were spoilt by wild throwing. Their play on Saturday showed that they have lost none of their enthusiasm for the game and even if they are doomed to hold up the rest of the League, the League itself will have been better for their presence.

ALTHOUGH the weather has been a little kinder than usual of late, most units have not been able to find time to play matches. On Friday, however, Royal Scots met and defeated Royal Army Service Corps by the odd set in nine.

IT is hoped that this sport will be resumed in the very near future; I understand that one or two matches have been provisionally arranged for next week. The Queen's R.O.A. Swimming Bath is still without any water polo nets; if the Army contests are to be held in this bath it is high time that some sort of nets made their appearance. As far as can be ascertained no nets are yet under construction.



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FIGHT FANS UNDERWENT SOME PERIL IN THE OLD GAS-LIT BOXING ERA

Historic Bare-Fist Fight For "World Title"

Sheriff And Twenty Armed Deputies Could Do Nothing

IF SOME OF the old Pittsburgh, Pa., fistic fans were alive to-day, they could tell of many a thrilling bare knuckle fight and adventure that took place on the historic old battleground at Collier's Station, West Virginia.

It was a favourite spot for the old Pittsburghers, especially to pull off a fierce, bloody mill there half a century ago, chiefly because it was just across the state line of Pennsylvania and Ohio, and the mobs who attended the old slaughtering fights could usually make their escape into either of the latter states, if the West Virginia authorities were too hot on their trail.

What tales Johnny Newell, Roger O'Mara, Sam Freeman, the old sporting editor of the Pittsburgh Dispatch, or Lee Fairchild, who refereed several hard fights at Collier's, and a host of other noted Pittsburgh fans could relate about their tough experiences and adventures on the old battlefield. But they have all passed away to the happy hunting ground.

Sports Meet Peril To Get There

How they sneaked down there, long before daylight, on a steamboat on the dark Ohio River, and then drove over the terrible rough, rocky mountain roads for some twenty miles in all sorts of crude and rickety rigs, expecting any moment to fall into the hands of some sheriff's posse and land in gaol, makes a good story.

Not such a pleasant outlook, indeed, but the adventurous, haphazard old fight fans were a hardy, fearless lot of sports, and they would take almost any kind of a risk to witness a rattling mill with the bare fists on the turf years ago.

There always seemed to be so much romance and adventure to these old mills that lured men of almost all classes to the ringside by some strange infatuation. Doctors, lawyers, professors and merchants, as well as thugs and bank burglars, all took a chance in the rough old days.

The last important prize fight that took place on the famous battleground at Collier's Stadium was the 87-round mill between Paddy Ryan of America and Joe Goss of England for the heavy-weight championship, a bout that attracted wide attention.

Site Picked In Vale

The Ryan-Goss bare-knuckle fight was staged in the centre of the very picturesque vale. It was on the most beautiful spring morning of June 21, 1880, shortly before a glorious sunrise flooded the valley with its golden rays, that the bloody combat started, with a mighty howl of cheers from the roughest and toughest mob ever seen at a ringside.

Yes, the sheriff was there with a posse of about twenty deputies, each armed with shotguns. But after the sheriff had looked the desperate mob over and heard their wicked threats, he very wisely decided not to interfere with the proceedings.

The sheriff, however, read the riot act and sternly said: "The Governor of West Virginia will get every man taking any part in this prize fight and send each to prison in due time. I see it would be foolish for me to interfere now and cause a lot of unnecessary bloodshed."

The tough mob merely sneered at the sheriff and his posse, who climbed up into the trees and remained there, apparently enjoying the long, bloody mill that lasted for one hour and twenty-four minutes.

Paddy Ryan Was Younger

Ryan was a young, strapping, well-trained man of twenty-four years of age at the time, while Goss, who trained principally on

Old Tom Gin, was an old, battle-scarred ring veteran of forty-nine years, who depended chiefly upon his fistic knowledge and long experience to outwit and outmanoeuvre his much younger opponent.

Old Goss certainly did give young Paddy a bad battering. He peppered him all over the body and head and had him bleeding profusely from a score of nasty cuts and wounds. But the gallant old warrior couldn't finish Ryan. So after the eighty-seventh round poor old Joe turned to Arthur Chambers, who was his principal second, and in a stage whisper said, "Harthur, I can't go any longer, me bloomin' bellows is busted." Meaning his wind was gone. So Chambers threw the sponge into the ring. He decided that Goss had been punished enough for a day and Referee Lee Fairchild immediately declared Paddy Ryan the new heavy-weight champion of the world, amid the howls of the desperate gang of iron puddlers, who kept yelling like demons for Ryan during the entire eighty-seven rounds. They insisted the world title was at stake, because Goss was British, though Jem Mace at the time was English title-holder.

Victor Is Disconsolate

After the fight, I saw the victor sitting on the edge of the platform of the backwoods railroad station, in a very mournful mood, feeling the many big bumps all over his head and face. He looked anything but like a victor of a big title and a popular hero.

"What the 'ell's the matter with yer, Paddy?" asked old Goss, as he appeared quite chipper and cheerful, upon the scene.

"What's the matter, eh? Why look at the beatin' I took for a couple of hundred. Why that won't even pay my trainin' expenses, Joe."

"Cheer up, Paddy. Hain't yer the blawsted champ now. Cheer up, me pal. You'll get a ton of brass now. Stop yer bleedin' clubberin' boy," consoled the defeated old warrior to the doleful victor, who was evidently in considerable pain.

It was rather a strange sight indeed to see the loser trying to console his conqueror. But what a game old bird Joe Goss was!

Yachting Resail

The resail of the second summer series race by the Yacht Club over 15 miles yesterday resulted:

A CLASS STARTED 2.40
Gull (Mills) 4.44.58 9 1
Joss (Neve) 4.47.32 7 2
Maureen (Blake) 4.47.50 5 3
Artemis (Wood) 4.49.27 3 4
True Blue (Man-ning) 4.52.05 2 5
MIXED CLASSES STARTED 3.50
Ailsa (Ingram) 4.59.37 6 1
Widgeon D.N.F.

OPEN PAIRS RESULT

In the only Open Pairs lawn bowls game yesterday V. Chittenden and W. V. Field beat C. M. Silva and F. X. Soares by 20 shots to 12 on the Kowloon C.C. green.

H.K.C.C. WITHDRAWS FROM ALL DIVISIONS

Further to the report appearing in yesterday's issues of the "China Mail" with regard to the withdrawal of Hong Kong Cricket Club from "B" Division of the Tennis League, it is now learned that H.K.C.C. have been compelled to withdraw from "A" and Mixed Doubles Division as well.

"B" DIVISION LEADERS WIN EASILY

Two of the strongest teams in "B" Division, South China and Kowloon Tong, yesterday made progress in the Tennis League, both scoring easy wins. I.R.C. were no match for South China at Sookunpoo and only succeeded in winning one set, the successful pair being M. O. Hoosen and A. R. Kitchell, while Civil Service fared even worse against Kowloon Tong, going down by the maximum margin.

S.C.A.A. WINS

At Sookunpoo, South China beat Indian Recreation Club by 8 sets to 1 in "B" Division of Lawn Tennis League.
O. Rumjahn and S. A. Ismail (I.R.C.) lost to S. C. Dew and K. H. Ip 3-6
lost to W. T. Lee and W. C. Ho 3-6
lost to B. Szeto and W. A. Ho 3-6
M. O. Hoosen and A. R. Kitchell (I.R.C.) beat Dew and Ip 6-4
lost to Lee and Ho 2-6
lost to Szeto and Ho 3-6
D. M. A. Razack and A. Rahmin (I.R.C.) lost to Dew and Ip 0-6
lost to Lee and Ho 3-6
lost to Szeto and Ho 1-6

C.S.C.C. LOSE

Civil Service C.C. lost to Kowloon Tong by nine sets to nil.
I. and B. Agafuroff (C.S.C.C.) lost to H. Lin and T. E. Ling 3-6
lost to Lam Kwan and F. Kwok 2-6
lost to B. Yu and P. Fletcher 1-6
W. J. Skinner and J. A. Bendall (C.S.C.C.) lost to Lim and Ling 5-7
lost to Kwan and Kwok 2-6
lost to Yu and Fletcher 1-6
C. Lucas and W. Colledge (C.S.C.C.) lost to Lim and Ling 0-6
lost to Kwan and Kwok 1-6
lost to Yu and Fletcher 0-6

League Table

	P	W	D	L	F	Sets	Pts
C.D.R.	5	4	0	1	27	18	8
S.C.A.A.	4	4	0	0	30	6	8
K.T.G.C.A.	4	4	0	0	28 1/2	7 1/2	8
C.R.C.	2	2	0	0	15	3	4
C.O.C.	3	2	0	1	17 1/2	9 1/2	4
A.T.C.	4	2	0	2	19 1/2	10 1/2	4
K.C.C.	5	1	0	4	13 1/2	3 1/2	2
I.R.C.	4	0	0	4	9 1/2	2 1/2	0
H.K.C.C.	3	0	0	3	5 1/2	2 1/2	0
C.S.C.C.	4	0	0	4	5	31	0

New Fixtures

The following are the revised League fixtures for the "B" Division of the Tennis League:

All matches of June 4 postponed to July 23; June 25 to July 30; July 2 to Aug. 6; July 9 to Aug. 13; May 21 to Aug. 20; June 11 to Aug. 27.
Any of these matches may be played on other dates than above by mutual arrangement between the clubs concerned.

H.K.R.A. MEETING

In announcing that their annual general meeting will be held in the Jacobean Room of the Hong Kong Hotel on Tuesday, July 23, at 5.30 p.m., the Hong Kong Rifle Association adds that the shoots arranged for July 21, and August 18, have been cancelled.

The report and statement of accounts show that the Association has a cash balance of \$427.72, with the membership list standing at 423, a decrease of 103, while the number of affiliated clubs stood at 12.

BOWLS TEAMS

The following have been chosen to play for the various clubs in the Lawn Bowls League on Saturday:

I.R.C.
First Division (v K.D.R.C., home)—D. M. Khan, K. M. Rumjahn, A. M. Rumjahn and M. A. Abbas (Skip); J. Hoosen, A. K. Sufiad, A. R. Minu and A. K. Minu (Skip); A. H. Rumjahn, S. Yusuf, M. Y. Adal and A. R. Dallah (Skip).
Third Division (v H.K.C.C., away)—A. S. Sufiad, A. R. Kitchell, A. H. Madar and A. M. Wahab (Skip); M. B. Hassan, J. M. A. Rumjahn, U. M. Rumjahn and S. M. Rumjahn (Skip); M. Hassan, M. P. Madar, A. G. Sufiad and A. Bakar (Skip).

H.K.E.R.C.
Third Division (v H.K.F.C., home)—A. G. Gardner, R. F. Gregory, J. F. Lunny and A. F. Paul (Skip); A. P. Tarbuck, C. E. Gahagan, H. S. McKay and J. K. Sloan (Skip); W. Stoker, R. C. Butler, G. T. Padgett and G. G. S. Thomson (Skip).
Reserve:—W. E. Macfarlane.

H.K.F.C.
First Division (v P.R.C., home)—F. P. Anslow, J. H. Gelling, L. E. Lammert and K. S. Robertson (Skip); A. Watson, B. I. Bickford, A. Brooks-bank and N. J. Bebbington (Skip); B. I. Didsbury, A. W. Hodges, W. Gill and G. Duncan (Skip).
Third Division (v H.K.E.R.C., away)—B. I. Mansell, F. Flippance, G. E. Stephens and G. S. Graver (Skip); W. Gratton, S. H. Strange, C. F. Needham and J. Watson (Skip); H. H. Beddow, C. G. Solis, E. L. Strange and H. G. Wallington (Skip).

TO-DAY'S MATCHES

Following is to-day's "C" Division League tennis programme:

K.T.G.C.A.	v	A.T.C.
K.I.T.C.	v	C.D.R. "A"
K.C.C.	v	C.R.C.
J.R.C.	v	C.B.A.
C.D.R. "B"	v	H.K.U.T.C.
S.C.A.A.	v	H.K.P.S.A.

CHINESE T.T. GALA

Another swimming gala, which should prove of singular interest to the Chinese community, will be held at the South China pavilion on Wednesday, July 31, starting at 7.30 p.m.

It will be a triangular affair between South China, Chinese Bathing Club and Chinese Y.M.C.A. This will be the first occasion this season that Chinese Y.M.C.A. have turned out a representative team. Hitherto Chinese "Y" swimmers have appeared under the colours of affiliate unions such as Lai Tsun and Ching Wing.

Most of the events have been divided into A and B classes and it is not yet certain that the B class events will count in the scoring. It is hoped that more definite information on this matter will be available later in the day.

Following are the events.
100 Metres Free Style Ladies A Class.
100 Metres Free Style Ladies B Class.
100 Metres Back Stroke Men A Class.
100 Metres Back Stroke Men B Class.
50 Metres Free Style Boys.
1,500 Metres Free Style Men.
200 Metres Breast Stroke Ladies A Class.
200 Metres Breast Stroke Ladies B Class.
50 Metres Free Style Girls.
Diving (Plain, swallow and Jack-knife).
Waterpolo Exhibition South China v C.B.C.

Eastern Too

Eastern Athletic Association will hold a swimming gala on Wednesday, July 27. The programme of events has not yet been worked out.

DATE FIXED FOR V.R.C.-LAI TSUN SWIMMING CLASSIC

By "Adrem"

TWO OF THE most powerful swimming teams in the Colony have arranged a meeting for early next month and it can confidently be predicted that some of the finest competitive swimming likely to be seen this season—the P.I. contest being likely to fall through—will be served up.

The two clubs concerned are Victoria Recreation Club, home of most of the local champions, and Lai Tsun Swimming Union, who have been so much in the public eye this season. The meeting will take place at a gala at V.R.C. on August 3.

V.R.C. have not selected their side—it is still a trifle early for them to ascertain who will be available—but it is certain that if they are represented by anything like their full team, Lai Tsun will have a difficult task ahead of them.

I have been informed by a V.R.C. official that most of their stars will be available, including Wilfred Lawrence, David Hutchinson, "Smalley" Rumjahn, and Charles Huang, a newcomer of whom much is expected, the brothers Remedios, J. Marques and E. M. Marques, while a very useful side should be turned out for the ladies' relay.

It is probable that Miss Vivienne Churn, now that her exams are over, will swim, and with Miss "Ding" Lopes and Miss Doreen Weir should form the nucleus of a powerful combination. The following names have been given me by the Lai Tsun coach with the probable events in which they will be taking part:

LAI TSUN TEAM
50 Yards Free Style:—Fong Wah, Tsang Cheung-ming.
220 Yards Free Style:—Chan Chun-nam, Lau Tai-ping; Reserve:—Yau Sai-kwan.
100 Yards Back Stroke:—Lau Yiu-ting, Poon Wing-lai.
100 Yards Breast Stroke:—Fong Chung-yue, Ng Kam-yung.
150 Yards Medley Relay:—Lau Yiu-ting, Back Stroke: Fong Chung-yue, Breast Stroke: Tsang Cheung-ming, Free Style.
300 Yards Free Style Relay (6 men):—Fong Wah, Poon Wing-lai, Lau Tai-ping, Chan Chun-nam, Tsang Cheung-ming, Poon Wing-lai.
50 Yards Free Style Ladies:—Misses Tsang Fung-kwan, Ko Miu-lin.
200 Yards Free Style Relay (4 ladies):—Misses Ruby Choy, Tseng Fung-kwan, Cheng Oi-nin, Ko Miu-lin.

EUROPEAN "Y" TO MEET UNIVERSITY

European Y.M.C.A. swimming section are meeting Hong Kong University Union in a series of swimming events on Saturday, July 27.

CONCENTRATIONS OF BARGES IN BELGIUM

Heavily Bombed In Raids By R.A.F.

GIFT TO THE BRITISH MUSEUM

The long and close friendship of Mr. George Eumorfopoulos for the British Museum, to which he was a generous benefactor, is marked by the gift now made by his widow in his memory of one of his favourite pieces—a pottery model of a saddle horse which is an outstanding example of Chinese modelling in the Tang period. This piece is well known to visitors to the Eumorfopoulos collection as "The Blue horse."—British Wireless.

"DAY OF SORROW"

(Special to "China Mail")
The Russian colony in Shanghai is to-day observing the "Day of Repentance and National Sorrow," in commemoration of the twenty-second anniversary of the murder of Czar Nicholas and the Imperial Family.

Harassing Attacks Continue

AN AIR MINISTRY communique issued in London stated R.A.F. bombers on Monday attacked enemy aerodromes at Lisieux and Evreux, in Normandy.

During the night they again attacked aerodromes at Norderney and Dekooy, in Holland, where hangars, petrol dumps and aircraft on the ground were set on fire.

Last night other forces of bombers repeated their attacks on the oil refinery at Hanover and the aircraft factory at Paderborn.

Hamm and Osnabruck were again visited, and fires and explosions in the goodsyards were observed by our bomber crews.

A blast furnace at Hambourg in the Ruhr and a munition factory at Dortmund were also bombed.

Coastal Command aircraft carried out an attack on Willemsoord harbour, on the coast of Holland, causing a large fire among warehouses.

All our aircraft returned safely. Yesterday, despite bad weather conditions, bombers attacked enemy occupied aerodromes in Northern France; they also attacked a concentration of barges near Armentieres. One of our aircraft is missing. Three enemy bombers were destroyed by our fighters in the course of raids on our coasts yesterday afternoon.—Reuter.

Proclaiming the day as one of repentance and sorrow, the head of the Shanghai Russian clergy, Bishop Victor, urged all Russian churches to hold requiem services and asked Russian emigres to demonstrate their attachment to the Old Russia.—Havas.

THE TYPHOON

The Pacific typhoon or depression is situated about 750 miles east of the Balintang Channel, moving north-west, the Royal Observatory reports.

Pressure remains highest over the Pacific to the east of the Bonins and a depression is situated over Manchuria.

H.K. EVACUEES GIVEN WELCOME RESPITE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

NOT ALL THE Hong Kong evacuees are being kept in Fort McKinley, writes the "China Mail" correspondent with the evacuees, for, as soon as arrangements can be made, they are "farmed out" to more suitable quarters elsewhere, to women's clubs, private homes, sugar plantations, and so on.

These are only temporary quarters, for they are to be sent on to Australia in a matter of a few days now, but they do form a welcome respite—and the evacuees are unanimous in expressing their appreciation of the change from camp-beds to the "real thing in beds."

In many cases, the change has been so much for the better that some of the evacuees jokingly remark:—"We must have died of worry and boredom, and this must be Heaven."

To take but one example at random, writes our correspondent. A small party of evacuees have "awakened" to find themselves in the guest house of the manager of a sugar plantation; the manager is on vacation elsewhere.

It is in a self-contained estate, with huge grounds, park land—and a private swimming pool. Camp-beds are a thing of memory now, food is excellent, and there are soft drapings and telephones "all over the estate." A car is placed at their disposal—in fact, the estate people insist on their using it.

It rains most of the time, but, during the occasional periods of sunshine, the evacuees bask and swim. The "appointments" include a recreation-hall, with bowls, billiards and ping-pong, a cinema and shops.

Pathetic Incident

Wandering around the camps, our correspondent came on a pathetic little incident which amply reflects the great kindness being shown by the American hosts of the evacuees.

At Fort McKinley, one "visitor" lost her baggage, and for some reason or other it could not be traced anywhere. She was in a somewhat desperate plight, for she did not have even a change of clothes or a diaper for her baby.

This came to the ears of some American ladies, and they promptly presented her with a complete set of "necessities" for the baby. This unexpected gift was so appreciated that the mother was unable to voice her gratitude and burst into tears. Overcome at this, the American ladies broke down, too, and tears flowed freely on all sides!

Another incident is not such pleasant reading. What with rain, rain and more rain, time tends to hang heavily on the hands of the evacuees, and a party of them jumped at the opportunity when an American lady suggested they might like to help with Red Cross work—knitting, sewing, and so on.

British Red Cross

They were all on the way down to the American Red Cross offices when the American lady had what she, and they, thought might be a better idea. Why not go along and help the British Red Cross organization in Manila?

Their reception was somewhat different from what they expected. Whereas the American Red Cross people have clustered around the "visitors" to ask friendly questions about the journey they had had, whether they were comfortable or not and so on, the reception at the British Red Cross headquarters was definitely "cold."

"We were as good as told we were not wanted," one of them told the "China Mail" correspondent later. The attitude of the British Red Cross, the evacuees agreed, seem to be on the lines of—

"We have our own ladies to do the work—and besides, Britain doesn't need any more bandages, what she needs is money!"

This, of course, is beyond the powers of the evacuees, and one of the party, exasperated beyond the bounds of politeness, asked if the B.R.C. had sent any money. The reply was—

"Not so far—the Consul-General has not permitted it!"

The party of would-be helpers departed with "violent feelings," and the American lady who had taken them along was considerably embarrassed at the rebuff. The following day, many of the evacuees were moved to other parts of Manila, but those in a position to do so are doing all they can to help the American Red Cross.—Our Own Correspondent.

The manager of Nam Tai Umbrella Factory was summoned before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning for failing to provide a fence around four machines, which were dangerous to the workers.

Assistant Inspector D. W. Phillips, of Factories and Works, issued the summons.

The Magistrate adjourned the summons until next Wednesday to enable the factory's manager, who is at present in Macao, to appear.

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TRADING WITH ENEMY ACCUSATION

DONALD SHING, MANAGER OF CHESTER HOOVER AND COMPANY, DAVID HOUSE, DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, WAS SUMMONED BEFORE MR. H. G. SHELDON, K.C., AT THE CENTRAL MAGISTRACY THIS MORNING ON A CHARGE OF BREACH OF THE DEFENCE REGULATIONS.

It was alleged that on or about January 9 this year, defendant directly or indirectly, offered or proposed to trade with Albert Bergmann of Gehlberg, Thuringen, Germany, within the meaning of trading with the enemy.

Mr. C. D'Almada appeared for the defendant, and Mr. T. J. Gould for the prosecution.

Hearing of the case was fixed for Friday, July 26, at 2.30 p.m.

Inspector M. J. Flattery is in charge of the case.

STOP PRESS

"I am not seeking nomination for a third term," declared President Roosevelt yesterday to the Democratic National Convention at Chicago.

The President added: "The delegates are free to vote for anyone they please."—Reuter.

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